

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES SPREAD OPTIMISM

LICENSES OF ALL CLUBS SEEKING GAIN CANCELLED; SOLDIERS GET NEW PERMITS

Davidson Takes Steps to Prevent Abuse of Liquor Privileges

Steps to stop the abuse of liquor privileges in British Columbia clubs were taken by Liquor Commissioner Hugh Davidson today when he cancelled the licenses of a number of clubs which, in his opinion, are "operating for gain."

New licenses for 1926 have been sent out to all legitimate clubs in the Province, including every returned soldier club, Mr. Davidson announced. These licenses are in the mails now, he said.

Mr. Davidson's announcement came as a surprise to the heads of local veterans' clubs which had believed that their licenses would be cancelled.

TACOMA STREET CAR BAY DEATHS TO-DAY MOUNTED TO FIVE

Four Known Last Night to Have Perished; Body Recovered To-day

Four Injured; Car Plunged From Bridge When Brakes Failed

Tacoma, Dec. 31.—A fifth body was found by divers at noon today in the wreck of the municipal street car which last night plunged sixty feet from the Eleventh Street Bridge into the city waterway.

The body is believed to be that of John Dahl, a carpenter.

The city council this morning ordered a complete investigation of the catastrophe, which resulted when the car plunged through the bridge barrier while the draw was raised to permit passage of a vessel.

The car was outboard for the tide-flat district.

The bodies recovered last night were those of G. A. Farrow, sixty-three; Tetsuro Ohayashi, Japanese, fifty-seven; Mrs. Alice Scott and Louise Scott, five, and son.

The injured, Chris Nelson, thirty-one, arm and shoulder broken; Lucien S. Simard, cuts about face; K. Kaganaga, cuts about face; Earl Husk, fifty-four, badly bruised and suffering from shock.

BRAKES FAILED

Failure of the brakes on the car is blamed by Clyde Staley, the operator, for the accident. At their failure to respond he used the hand brakes, and then released the hand and threw his motor into reverse, he asserted. The street car then struck an automobile standing before the first gate and knocked the machine through the barrier and off to one side against a second, inside gate.

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THREE PLANES WERE DAMAGED IN CRASH

No One Hurt in Accident on Field at Nashville, Tenn., To-day

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Three of the Ford-Stout all-metal passenger aeroplanes on route to Florida were badly damaged here in an accident to-day. No one was hurt.

The accident occurred at Blackwood Field when Pilot Lee F. Schoonhair was taking off. In the Miss Fort Myer. The plane crashed into the Miss Tampa and the Miss Miami on the ground.

The occupants of the Miss Fort Myer escaped injury.

The Miss Fort Myer tipped over before leaving the ground in the take-off. The fourth plane, the St. Petersburg, was the only plane of the four not involved.

The three planes will be repaired in Nashville.

The planes arrived here yesterday for a stop-over en route to Florida from Detroit.

NEWS ON BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Chamber of Commerce Head Foresees Improvement; Col. Willey Urges Co-operation

London, Dec. 31.—Great expectations for 1926 are held out by the optimists among the industrial experts of Great Britain, while about an equal number of observers have pessimistic views, which are expressed in a review on shipping and commerce published in a supplement to "Lloyd's List and Shipping Gazette."

Co-operation of labor and capital and the idea of square dealing are mentioned in the United States are referred to by Colonel Willey, president of the Federation of British Industries, recently returned from the republic. He advises Britain to adopt the goodwill spirit, and to help to pull over the hill.

"Cannot we overcome our insularity?" he asks, "and learn from a nation which now is more happily placed than ourselves?"

IMPROVEMENT COMING

J. Denholm, president of the Chamber of Commerce, writes:

"We have touched the depression bottom and may begin to look for improvement. With the prospect since Locarno of a better feeling in European relations, we may hope for the return of that confidence which is necessary for prosperity."

The experts agree Italy is showing a shipbuilding revival, while reports indicate the depression in Germany is likely to continue.

HOPES EXPRESSED RADIO OVERCOMING WOMAN'S DEAFNESS

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Miss Elsie Mayes, twenty-five, deaf and dumb for the last twenty-two years, was persuaded to put on the new glasses of a radio set here last night. She showed evidence she was able to distinguish between the different instruments in use at the broadcasting station and when her mother spoke to her later, responded with a word which listeners look to be "Mother." It is hoped further experimentation may result in a partial return at least of hearing and vocal powers.

VICTORIA BUSINESS ENDS THE YEAR WITH SENSATIONAL RISE

Victoria business ended the year 1925 with an upward rush—the most spectacular advance since the boom days—according to the figures of the Victoria Clearing House.

Bank clearings for the month ending to-day total \$9,457,364, according to the Clearing House figures issued at noon. This represents an increase of \$1,561,552, or about twenty per cent over the clearings for the month of December, 1924, which were \$7,895,812.

GOLD RUSH STARTS IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Sourdoughs Use Dogteams to Reach the Remote Red Lake District

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The gold rush to the Red Lake district, 325 miles north of Kenora, and about sixty miles east of the Manitoba boundary, is beginning to assume big proportions as colder weather makes transportation possible. Five dog teams are reported ready to leave Haliburton within the next few days. Haliburton is more than 600 miles from Red Lake, and after the prospectors reach the nearest point by railway it will require a ten-day trip by dog team to get there.

The strike at Red Lake was made during the Fall, and since then various promoters have shown an interest in the new field. Some time ago aeroplanes were made use of to carry provisions into the field.

BANK CLEARINGS IN NEW YORK IN 1925 SET NEW RECORD

New York, Dec. 31.—All year records for bank clearings in New York were broken in 1925, according to the New York clearing house aggregating \$253,619,244.62. The previous year's total was \$249,865,181,338.

DAMASCUS LEADER KILLED IN FIGHT

Kharat Led Druse Incursion Which Caused French Bombardment

Damascus, Dec. 31.—Hasan El Kharat, a former night watchman in Damascus, who was considered the leader of the Druse incursion which led to the French bombardment of Damascus of October 18 to 20, was killed this week in fighting outside the city.

Kharat played a romantic and sometimes a comic role in the Syrian revolt. He styled himself "Pasha" and with his intimate knowledge of streets and alleys of the city was a useful leader of the revolutionists' raids. He never interfered with the Christian population of Damascus, and once he sent a sarcastic note to General Sarrail, then French High Commissioner, twitting him with responsibility for the sufferings of the city.

Observers Now See Great Sunspots With Naked Eye

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Spots on the sun, one group about 112,000 miles long and the other about 10,000, are visible to the naked eye through smoked glass, Professor Edwin H. Frost, director of the Yerkes Observatory at the University of Chicago, stated to-day. The same groups were visible around Thanksgiving time, the sun having made one rotation in the meantime. The phenomenon is accompanied by the Northern Lights, flashes from the Aurora having been observed at the Yerkes Observatory. Daily appearances of the Northern Lights very early in the morning were reported by Professor Frost. He said there had been more and larger sunspots in the last two months than had been expected, as it was only two years since the minimum, when they were scarce and small.

CONVEYS NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO B.C.



His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Walter C. Nichol

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR AT HOME TO-MORROW

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold the usual New Year's Day reception at Government House to-morrow between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

CROWN PRINCE'S ACTS DISTURB ROMANIA

Carol Remains Outside of Country; Leaders Meet and Discuss Situation

Bucharest, Dec. 31.—Because of the gravity of the political situation caused by the absence of Crown Prince Carol, a crown council was summoned unexpectedly to-day.

A crown council, differs from an ordinary cabinet meeting in that, besides the members of the Government, all former Premiers and the leaders of the various political parties are invited to take part.

MOTHER IS WORRIED

Paris, Dec. 31.—Crown Prince Carol of Rumania is giving his mother, Queen Marie, much concern. His failure to return to Bucharest after attending the funeral of Dowager Queen Alexandra in London some weeks ago, Paris society hears, has caused the Maidland, the Crown Prince already has been married twice to Princess Helen of Greece at Athens in 1921 and mortally, at Odessa, to Mile Zoya Lambrino.

The Rumanian Parliament automatically annulled the latter marriage, and eventually he separated from Princess Helen and returned to his first choice.

But the languorous skies of Italy seem to be responsible for another heart affair, and thus Queen Marie's (Concluded on page 11)

REV. CANON T. R. DAVIS DIED IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Rev. Canon T. R. Davis, for more than forty years in charge of St. George's parish in Sarnia, Ontario, died here this morning, aged seventy-five.

Five years ago Canon Davis retired on superannuation and came to Vancouver, where three daughters reside. He was associated with St. Mary's Church, Kewdale, where he preached on Christmas Day.

HENRY PIM DIED IN LOS ANGELES

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Word of the death in Los Angeles yesterday of Henry Pim, who retired on account of illness one year ago to-day from the position of manager in Vancouver for the Canadian General Electric Company, which he had held for thirty years, was received here to-day.

Mr. Pim came to Vancouver from Toronto, where he was born about sixty years ago.

Autos Ruined by Fire in Montreal

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Fire believed to have been caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring this afternoon resulted in loss estimated at about \$15,000 to the Packard Montreal Motor Company's premises on University Street. Twelve cars were ruined.

UNANIMOUS IN FORECAST OF PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN DOMINION DURING 1926

Lieutenant Governor, Premier Oliver, Railway Presidents, Mayor, Reeves and Leading Citizens Join in Cordial Greetings to Victoria.

"If we can make a substantial start in populating the vast food producing areas of Canada within the coming twelve months we may count upon a happy New Year, not only for British Columbians but for the people from one end of Canada to the other."—Lieutenant-Governor Walter C. Nichol.

"We believe that intelligent application of industry and skill to the natural resources of the Province will yield an abundant reward."—Hon. John Oliver, Premier of British Columbia.

"The outlook for 1926 is full of hope and encouragement. May it increase our prosperity and add to our numerous blessings."—J. Carl Pandray, Mayor of Victoria.

"Everything that indicates progress and prosperity has risen during the past year. It will continue to increase next year. Canada I firmly believe is on the threshold of much greater things than ever in her history."—Sir Henry Thornton, President Canadian National Railway.

"Canadian conditions are basically sound. The need is for acceleration of domestic trade and our manufacturing activities."—E. W. Beatty, President Canadian Pacific Railway.

Without exception Dominion, provincial and city leaders in New Year messages conveyed to the public through The Victoria Times to-day look forward to 1926 as a year that will be marked by progress.

A happy new year is assured if a substantial start is made in populating Canada's food producing areas, says Lieutenant-Governor Walter C. Nichol. Premier John Oliver urges co-operation in development of the resources of the Province.

LARGE DISTRICTS IN EUROPE NEED AID AS FLOODS CONTINUE

Westerly Gale Swept Great Britain Last Night; Two London Men Killed

London, Dec. 31.—Great Britain was struck last night by another westerly gale, accompanied by heavy rain storms, which further raised the waters of the already swollen rivers.

In London two men were killed and eight injured when a chimney crashed into the dormitory of a Stepney workshop.

More than 100 telegraph and telephone lines were down in the country to-day.

A mail train crashed into fallen trees at Berwyn, Wales, but only the locomotive was damaged.

Roofs of houses in the Reading district were demolished and much material damage was done in Yorkshire villages.

At the height of the storm in London, the wind reached a velocity of fifty-four miles an hour, according to officials.

VILLAGES MENACED

Vienna, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Budapest, in Hungary, says that the Raba River, burst last night, menacing thirty villages.

An unconfirmed report states thirty-six miners were drowned when the salt mines at Maros-Ujvar were flooded.

The dispatch adds that the flood damage in Hungary is so great that the Finance Minister has suspended taxes in the afflicted districts.

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NEW STREET CARS FOR TERMINAL CITY

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Sixteen new street cars will be ordered immediately by the B.C. Electric Railway Company for the Vancouver City services at a cost of approximately \$225,000. Announcement to this effect was made to-day by W. G. Murrin, vice-president of the railway company.

The new rolling stock will consist of four two-car trains and eight single cars.

Hopes Are Built On New Anti-Tuberculosis Serum

London, Dec. 31.—Dr. Small Page, an expert on tropical diseases, announces he has discovered an anti-tuberculosis serum extracted from the spleen, says a dispatch to The London Daily Express from Sydney, N.S.W.

Dr. Page made the discovery during the course of malaria experiments. Many professors are credited with saying the serum of Dr. Henry Spallinger of Geneva "fades into obscurity beside that of Dr. Page."

The correspondent adds that the Commonwealth Government will take over Dr. Page's patent.

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**WHEAT GROWN BY
ARTIFICIAL LIGHT**

Experiments at Saskatoon
Leading to New Types of
Grain

Saskatoon, Dec. 31.—Successful experiments with artificial light in forcing the growth of wheat, barley and oats were described at yesterday's session of the Agronomists' Convention at the University of Saskatchewan by Dr. J. B. Harrington, in a brief address.

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LOWER TAXES PLEDGED TO FARM OWNERS

Saanich Election Battle Develops on New Lines

Kirkham Backs Reeve Macnicol to Secure Prompt Tax Revision

Saanich municipal election alignments were completely made over last night, at a meeting held in the Gordon Head Hall by the Ward Three Ratepayers' Association. Councillor H. O. Kirkham of Ward One, to attain certainty of taxation reform in Saanich, announced himself as a supporter of Reeve Robert Macnicol for a third and final term of office. He declared his candidature for another term as the Council representative of Ward One, to bring promptly in effect a programme of municipal policies designed to lighten the tax-burden farm lands now carry.

The change in alignment came with dramatic suddenness. Reeve Macnicol had pledged support for reduction of the assessment of farm lands to a basis of productive values, irrespective of the certainty of creating a heavy financial deficit in the budget. Councillor Kirkham intervened, and declared: "In Mr. Macnicol you have a fine Reeve, I do not seek his office. But Mr. Macnicol down finally to that line of action, and I will pledge him my support for re-election. I will run again in Ward One and, if re-elected, will work consistently with him to bring this gross discrimination to an end."

CLEAR-CUT POLICY
Councillor Kirkham's announcement was received with applause. Reeve Macnicol, called upon for an explicit statement, said "I favor re-assessment of farm lands, not a general re-assessment. This would lower the taxes paid by the farmers. The tax rate cannot be advanced from the present 25 mills without becoming confiscatory. Such a means of making up the deficit would be fought by me. I am satisfied that a majority of the council can be elected favorable to reduction of farm lands assessment and all that that implies."

Councillor Kirkham declared: "No man was ever in a better position to carry out needed reforms than is Reeve Macnicol. With a good record of past performance whereon to appeal for another term, freed from political strings by announcement of retirement at the end of the term, Reeve Macnicol should be able to carry this great and urgent reform to success. I congratulate him on his stand and his opportunity."

SMALL ATTENDANCE
The annual meeting of Ward Three Ratepayers' Association, like all other meetings held in Saanich this year, was scantily attended, and election of officers was deferred until next Wednesday evening.

GREAT DISPARITY
Councillor Kirkham dealt with taxation reform in a brief address, showing that a resident owner of an urban lot worth \$500, with a home valued \$2,500 and a family of three children, received from Saanich in ten years, in school services alone, \$1,367 more than the \$144 paid in taxes. With this he compared a nearby farmer, with the same family of three children, who paid Saanich in ten years \$2,448 more than the benefits he received in school services.

"If I were a farmer, I would put every obstacle in the way of continuation of this condition. I would refuse to pay my taxes, would organize my neighbors in the like boycott, would fight the assessment before the court of revision and before the judge of appeal. I would add a little to my present tax costs as a means to bring this injustice to an end," he said.

Reeve Macnicol agreed and suggested: "We want you farmers to uphold our hands, flood the court of revision with appeals, make a big row about this inequity, organize and fight every step, so you will get justice. You cannot expect action unless you act, inertia is a token of satisfaction with conditions as they are."

**NO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH ABD-EL-KRIM**

French Government Willing
Only to Deal With Separate
Tribes in Morocco

Paris, Dec. 31.—France will establish and maintain peace in Morocco without entering into negotiations with Abd-el-Krim, the Rifian chieftain. This was made plain yesterday by both Premier Briand and Mr. Painlevé, the War Minister, in the course of a discussion in the Chamber of Deputies on the credits necessary to carry on operations in Northern Africa.

Premier Briand declared Abd-el-Krim was a mere bandit, exercising authority over certain tribes. The French Government preferred to deal with each separate tribe alone rather than confer upon Krim the dignity of negotiator as Moslem Emir.

M. Painlevé again announced the peace terms set forth in his speech at Nîmes on October 4 still held good.

POSITION OF CANNING
Incidentally the French Government, through the Premier and Minister of War, fixed once and for all the status of the British captain, George Canning, emissary from Abd-el-Krim, who will not be received but will probably be requested to leave France.

Capt. Canning, in a published statement, declared he had requested Krim to send officially for the Franco-Spanish peace terms. This was agreed to, but now he contends the French Government's refusal to deal with Krim means the Moroccan leader, who is prepared to start his Spring campaign, will insist on complete independence, instead of autonomy.

A classified advertisement will introduce you to the loser of the article you've found.

An Announcement of Supreme Interest to the Women of Victoria and District

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There Is No Interest or Any Fee for This Service

The plain figure price on merchandise you select is the price you pay. No "Extras" of any kind whatsoever. We have but one price—the regular low cash price—both for cash purchases and for the New Budget Buying Plan.

Our Selling Costs Will Actually Decrease Under This New 12-Payment Plan

Our selling costs are based on two things—overhead and volume. Overhead expense is a fixed account, but as volume increases, percentage of overhead to each sale decreases. Since this new plan will give us added volume of turnover, it will materially reduce our selling costs. The saving will be passed on to our patrons in the way of still better values.

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This institution stands for quality at the lowest possible price—always has—and always will. In fact, one of the real reasons for the working out of this New Budget Buying Plan was to give to responsible women the opportunity to buy better Suits, Coats, Dresses and Hats, and to pay for them in the easiest possible way.

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For years you have been buying homes, insurance, motor cars and other things by setting aside a fixed amount each week. This plan has proved its economic worth in many lines. Now we are making it possible for more women to wear good clothes—giving them the privilege of paying with twelve weekly payments instead of one large lump sum.

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Man Who Stabbed Jailed Two Years

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.—As a sequel to a stabbing affray in which three men were wounded December 15, John Takolander, a farmer of Adrian Township, was sentenced here yesterday to two years' imprisonment.

\$2,500 SUIT AGAINST POINT GREY REEVE

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Counsel acting for Mrs. Amy Walker, wife of William Walker, has filed a writ in Supreme Court against Reeve J. A. Paton of Point Grey, seeking \$2,500. Mrs. Walker is the owner of the house on Twenty-Fifth Avenue, Point Grey, in which Wong Foon Sing, Chinese houseboy, was kept a prisoner for forty days early in the year.

The writ sets forth that the plaintiff is suing "on behalf of all the other ratepayers of Point Grey, and on behalf of the said municipal corporation, to recover from the defendant, the Reeve of Point Grey, the \$2,500 penalty fixed by the Municipal Act for voting at any meeting of the council when disqualified."

KIPLING GROWS STRONGER

Burwash, Ont., Dec. 31.—Rudyard Kipling's most welcome birthday gift yesterday, his sixtieth anniversary, was a permission from his doctor to climb out of bed and, for the first time since the beginning of his attack of pneumonia, sit by the fireside for a while.

CHICAGO MURDER CONFESSIONS HEARD

Four Persons Helped Woman
Get Rid of Her Husband

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Eliza Nussbaum, a grandmother, admitted last night, police here say, that she and four others planned the murder of her husband, Albert Nussbaum, sixty-five-year-old contractor, whose battered body was found yesterday on a prairie within the city limits.

The plot was made and executed, Mrs. Nussbaum said, in order that she might be free to marry John Winn of Crown Point, Indiana, an ex-convict and one of those named in the plot.

Those who helped her in the plans were to receive money, she said. Mrs. Nussbaum said that in forty-four years of married life her husband's one kind act was to bring her ice cream once. Although Nussbaum was paralyzed and unable to walk, she said, that she kept a club handy to ward off possible attacks.

Edward Goss admitted last night, according to the police, that he was the actual slayer of Nussbaum and corroborated other parts of Mrs. Nussbaum's confession.

GENERAL PERSHING'S HEALTH FAILING

Washington, Dec. 31.—Army medical reports on General Pershing's illness say that unless the general returns to the United States for treatment he may face permanent impairment of his health.

Gen. Pershing, probably having only been partly informed of his real condition, has been postponing his return in the feeling that his work at Arica was more important than his health.

President Coolidge, who alone has authority to order the general to return, is confronted with the probability of such an order being misinterpreted as an interruption in arrangements for the Tacna-Arica plebiscite.

Gen. Pershing's direct approach to the Tacna-Arica problem between Chile and Peru is characteristic of the aggressive soldier and the reaction upon him has greatly increased the physical and mental strain of his position. His blood pressure, normal when he went to Arica five months ago, has risen to a point to cause some apprehension in a man of his age, and teeth, necessitated the calling of a surgeon dentist from Chile.

It was Burgomaster Lescarts who welcomed the Canadian troops into Mons on November 11, 1918.

M. Lescarts died on December 11.

MURDER LEADS TO SEARCH FOR MAN

New Yorker Killed Stenographer; Aged Man, Object of Plot, Sought

New York, Dec. 31.—Police here are seeking a mysterious "Senator A. B. Lewis," who was to have been the victim of a \$100,000 poison plot revealed when Harry W. Cowan killed Miss Edith Burton, a stenographer with whom he was infatuated, and seriously wounded himself last Monday.

"Senator Lewis" checked out of the Hotel Astor the night of the shooting and has not been seen since. He is wanted for questioning on the details of the alleged plot against him.

He is described as a man seventy-three years old and a persistent suitor of Miss Burton, who was twenty-eight.

The aged man was registered at the Hotel Astor as "Senator A. B. Lewis of Carson City, Nevada," and was to have been the victim of a plot hatched by Miss Burton and Cowan, according to a warning letter to Lewis found in Cowan's rooms.

The letter was written before Cowan became enraged at the girl and killed her.

The letter warned Lewis the woman planned to marry him to get control of his \$100,000. If he did not die soon, she would administer a slow poison, and the money would be used in part to get Cowan out of financial trouble, Cowan wrote.

Cowan was wanted for absconding with \$15,000 from the Hotel Waldorf two years ago.

The mother of the dead girl denied her daughter was engaged to "Senator Lewis," who was a benevolent old gentleman who joined them at dinner frequently. Mrs. Burton said her daughter did not intend to marry Cowan, whom she described as a "gentleman and friend of the family."

Cowan, however, described Miss Burton as his common law wife. Cowan had been separated from his second wife for about four years.

His wife asserted Cowan had paid \$6,000 to unnamed blackmailers—her brother and mother—at the time of their separation.

London, Dec. 31.—The sum of £1,000,000 is said to have been settled upon Sybil, daughter of Sir Adolph Tuck, by the noted banker, Sir Edward Tuck, who married her in London Synagogue yesterday.

The bridegroom also gave the bride a magnificent rope of pearls.

Sir Edward is seventy-one years old and is famous in sporting circles as in those of finance. The bride, his second wife, is thirty.

A classified advertisement will reduce the cost of selling to the lowest figure.

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or twenty years from now the United States will be the richest for every dollar's worth of food that Canada can provide and spare. Already it is having difficulty in parts of the country in feeding itself, and this condition will increase as its population increases.

This is not an idle assertion, but a very serious problem which is already threatening the brains of its ablest statesmen. Within the lifetime of the present generation our neighbors to the south of us will have all the population they can support, and they will be faced with the disagreeable situation which has confronted the Old World for so long and was the primal cause of the Great War. It is imperative, therefore, that the vast food-producing areas of Canada should be populated and the empty acres made to produce their share of the food supplies of the world.

If we can make a substantial start in this direction within the coming twelve months we may count upon a Happy New Year not only for British Columbians, but for the people from one end of Canada to the other.

As for the rest: A Happy New Year to us all may it be. Where the Old Year has fled let its shadows and afflictions be forgotten. Good-bye to the heartaches and griefs that we've met. Let us learn the old lesson: Forgive and forget.

PREMIER JOHN OLIVER

"The Government of the Province earnestly desires for each and all of you that the year 1926 shall be better than any year we have known. We believe there is no better Province in the Dominion of Canada, and we also believe that the intelligent application of the resources of the Province will yield an abundant reward, and to that end the Government wishes to co-operate with you."

MAYOR J. CARL PENDORF

"The closing year has proved most prosperous for our city and Canada generally. The outlook for 1926 is full of hope and encouragement. May all our hopes be realized and may we find that the coming year will increase our prosperity and add to the blessings we already enjoy."

SIR HENRY THORNTON President C.N.R.

"General betterment of conditions, industrial, commercial and agricultural, which has occurred during the latter half of this year throughout Canada, is reflected in a striking increase in the earnings of the Canadian National Railway. Some figures, at this time, can only be approximated, but they can be verified with the actual results made public during the first half of 1926. There was a distinct falling off in the gross receipts of the Canadian National Railway, though by careful operation and the application of sound principles of economy, the company was able to show an improved net during the same period.

"These results must be chosen with due regard to their likelihood of early becoming producers, and they must be added in settling with every reasonable supervision and assistance until they become established.

"The successful carrying out of such a policy as this would, I believe, go far towards reviving Canadian trade and industry and ensuring expansion and development apparently justified by general conditions in this country."

HON J. H. KING

Federal Minister Public Works

"I wish to extend to the good people of Victoria and British Columbia New Year greetings, and express the hope the year 1926 will bring much happiness and prosperity to all of our people."

REEVE H. ANSCOMB, OAK BAY

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A Bright and Happy New Year to All

Our Great January Clearance Sale

COMMENCES

Saturday, January 2

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Colonist for Full Particulars

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over imports is a reassuring feature and the steady development of the foreign tourist trade in practically all parts of the country has become an important factor in our economic progress.

"Thus Canadian conditions are basically sound and the need for acceleration of domestic trade and our manufacturing activities. In my opinion the best impetus to this end will be found in the successful execution of a vigorous immigration campaign."

"The time has come when Canada should be willing to spend a comparatively large sum of money in adding to the population enough new settlers to carry on the progress and development that was arrested when the war stopped immigration in 1914. I know of no more surely profitable investment that this country can make."

"These settlers must be chosen with due regard to their likelihood of early becoming producers, and they must be added in settling with every reasonable supervision and assistance until they become established."

"The successful carrying out of such a policy as this would, I believe, go far towards reviving Canadian trade and industry and ensuring expansion and development apparently justified by general conditions in this country."

HON J. H. KING

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within measurable distance, provided a strict economy and elimination of all waste is still maintained at the City Hall, our financial position and tax situation will from now on show great improvement."

"We have furnished vastly improved facilities and added attractions for our tourist trade which is growing very rapidly, and with the completion of the drydock, the operation of the lumber assembly plant, grain elevators, the construction of which has been undertaken by agreements with the Government, the city and the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, the establishment of new industries such as the cooperage plant, the McMaster-Horton Shingle Company and others projected, should all spell the permanence of commercial progress which in the years to come will be uniformly increasing and lead towards a sane, healthy and continuous growth both of trade and population."

"There is a very marked improvement in the psychology of our people and a confidence in the future which is fully warranted by the circumstances and in marked contrast with recent years. We surely have justification to-day that our efforts and the efforts of our fellow citizens have not been in vain and it should be a spur to us to continue unabated our determination to build up a great Victoria, which we have so much justification for, by reason of our geographical position, our climate and the beauty of our surroundings. As a people we are fortunate indeed in having our lot cast under the set of conditions we enjoy, and in remembering this we should also bear in mind that as the premier city of Vancouver Island, comprising half of its entire population, we have a duty to perform towards all our fellow citizens of other localities in devoting ourselves to the upbuilding of their own material welfare. We should be ever generous of our time, wealth and influence on their behalf as for our own, because we are one people with a common heritage and a common interest."

"With the enormous material advantages and opportunities with which this Island has been endowed, we should by concerted and united action with our seaboard neighbors, turn this Island into a veritable land of Canaan."

"It should be the first aim of the leaders of thought in each district to eliminate all points of friction and petty jealousy and join together in one great co-operative movement for our mutual advancement. Vancouver Island is so small, its interests are interwoven and interlocked, that the reflex action from one community to another involves us all in a common cause. If such thought could be crystallized into action, we should as a whole be the most contented and prosperous people in the world. Nature has done its part lavishly and has left its translation in our hands."

R. H. B. KER

President Vancouver Island Publicity Bureau

"During the year 1925 the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau has achieved results which I trust the citizens will recognize as a good return on the amount of money expended. The cumulative effect of publicity given to Victoria during the past year is showing itself more and more each season, and the advertising carried on by the city through its publicity bureau, in attracting people here and making known the charms and attractions of this part of the island, contributed largely to the success of last summer's auction sale of city lands."

"The tourist trade has developed to a stage where its continuance is practically indispensable to the prosperity of this community; in addition to using direct advertising to attract new settlers and industries here the bureau feels that the tourist trade is

a most fruitful medium through which to bring about desirable development in these directions.

"The present season's campaign in the prairie provinces is expected to bring a large influx of visitors and prospective citizens early in the New Year, and with increasing prosperity amongst the farmers we can confidently look forward to many prairie people taking up their residence here in the near future."

"On behalf of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau may I wish all the citizens of Greater Victoria a very happy and prosperous 1926, and thank them for their co-operation and support in the past year."

G. I. WARREN

"Victorians have never had more reason to feel optimistic than at the present time. During the past year many accomplishments have taken place. The Crystal Garden, which is being advertised all through the continent, was formally opened. The largest and most up-to-date Gulf steamers have been operated between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company successfully during the year. Considerable development has taken place on the Songhees Reserve and several new industries have been established there. The Canadian National Railway have actually commenced development at the Ogden Point Pier. All negotiations and contracts have been completed towards the establishment of a grain elevator at the Ogden Point Piers. The Municipal Officers have disposed of a considerable amount of reverted city property to private holders and the city is in better financial shape than for many years."

"The arbitrary charge against the lumber industry has been removed. The low level of business enterprises has been reached and conditions are gradually and surely improving."

"As a New Year resolution, we should all do our utmost to stimulate industrial development by patronizing those industries that are already established here, and encourage the development of the small industrial enterprises. We should help one another encourage those who are doing their best to assist in the development and building up of our wonderful city."

A classified advertisement in this paper will do something big and important to-day for someone!

The Valley Breeds Champions

In an article on Dairying in The Sunday Province it mentioned three world champion cows of the Fraser Valley. It can easily be seen why Pacific Milk stands highest in Canada for its splendid richness and natural flavor.

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A BRIGHT PROSPECT FOR 1926

AT THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR
Canada has a great deal to be thankful for. At no time since the end of the war have her economic prospects been so bright. This year's trade has passed the two billion dollar mark, a new high level—and there is every indication that the monthly increase noted in 1925 will be continued in 1926.

Supporting this optimistic outlook are the views of the various financial leaders of the Dominion. All the recent annual statements by these authorities have been marked by expressions of satisfaction over the year's trading and predictions of still better things to come. Other authorities have been equally candid. Mr. Babson, the eminent New York expert, looks to the New Year with buoyant optimism.

With Canada's trade for the year which ends to-day worth more than \$2,000,000,000, with railway earnings showing remarkable improvement and transportation company heads agreed that business is sure to keep on the upgrade, with a new immigration scheme to commence operation to-morrow, and with another bumper crop now on its way to the markets of the world at good prices, there is every reason why this Dominion should welcome 1926 with more than ordinary enthusiasm and hopefulness.

In this brighter picture British Columbia will occupy an important place. With mineral production and agriculture in 1925 worth \$120,000,000, with a new and profitable market for our pulp and paper in Australasia, and with the West now fully alive to the possibilities ahead of our coast port development, this Province can face 1926 with unusual confidence.

Victoria seems to be on the threshold of marked industrial revival. Before many months the property at Ogden Point will be turned into a hive of activity with grain elevators and a lumber assembly plant. In this local development the rest of the Island will share. From various sections come reports of new projects and as these begin to operate their effect will be felt in Victoria. One part of the Island can not progress alone. Recognition of this fact has been responsible for a more general desire to push ahead.

With these excellent prospects everywhere obvious, with, as Sir John Aird said the other day, plenty of money available for legitimate Canadian enterprise, our people have nothing to fear. On the contrary, they have very good ground for forcing the development of their country with the same courage and enterprise as that which characterized those who laid Canada's foundations.

BEING HONEST ABOUT IT

WHILE SOME CONGRESSMEN AND
newspapers in the United States are saying hard things about Britain's fortunate position with respect to the world's rubber supply, The New York Times keeps a cool editorial head and reminds our neighbors that Great Britain has secured its present advantage by "systematic planting and growing of rubber trees in India and Ceylon and the Malay States for the last thirty years," adding:

Great Britain can hardly be called upon to surrender out of hand the advantages which her far-sighted statesmen and empire builders have been long preparing for her. All we have to do—all the house committee has to do—is to imagine our feelings if England were to ask us to cut down the price of the cotton or oil or copper or wheat, which she is compelled to buy of us. It is certain that if we had a monopoly of rubber, Congress would defy any foreign government to touch it with so much as its little finger.

Our neighbor to the South has erected a tariff wall for the purpose of keeping out all the articles it does not choose to admit. But it would like to have all the goods it needs in its business in large quantities and at low prices. It can not have its cake and eat it as well. Competitive trade is influencing the price of rubber like everything else and from that economic law there is no appeal anywhere.

THE CHINESE PUZZLE

THE WAR WHICH IS PARALYZING
a large part of China seems to be harder on generals than war elsewhere has been. Within the last few days several prominent chieftains have been sent to join their ancestors, either very summarily or by way of the torture chamber. The sequel to the battle near Mukden in Manchuria in which General Kuo Sung-Lin tried to wrest the control of that region from Marshal Chang Tso-Lin was the defeat, capture and execution, after torture, of both Kuo and his wife by the infuriated Chang. When taken to task by Japanese at Mukden for his barbaric treatment of a defeated foe and his wife, Chang declared that Kuo had treated one of his generals whom he had taken in another engagement in precisely the same way. He now demands the surrender of other aides of Kuo who fled to the Japanese at Mukden for safety.

Chang's recent victory over Kuo marks the turning of fortune in his favor for the first time in months. He was driven back to Manchuria some weeks ago after a severe defeat by the forces of Marshal Feng

Yu-Hsiang, the so-called "Christian general," near Tientsin. During Chang's retreat General Kuo Sung-Lin, who had been one of his commanders, broke away from him with a large part of his army and turned upon him. The battle which recently took place near Mukden therefore was really between the two parts of Chang's former army. The crushing defeat of Kuo and his elimination leave Chang still the warlord of Manchuria. He is not likely to venture into China proper again after his recent disastrous experience there, and instead has proclaimed the independence of Manchuria, hoping no doubt to draw Marshal Feng after him.

Meanwhile Marshal Feng, who has been occupying Peking, and General Li Ching-Ling have been settling their conflicting affairs in a fierce battle in Chi Li province, in which Feng, who has the largest and best equipped army, was victorious. This appears to have been a battle of considerable magnitude, since there were thousands of casualties. The defeat of Li, and the murder of General Hsu, another trouble maker, who was killed Tuesday night at a railroad station by the son of an eminent Chinese statesman whom Hsu had shot at Tientsin seven years ago, leaves Marshal Feng the dominant figure in the zone of war. There are good prospects that if he lives long enough he will be able to restore order, since he possesses much ability as an organizer and leader. This can not be done by anybody but a strong Chinese chieftain with abundant resources. There is ground for the suspicion that Feng is getting some outside help in the way of money and supplies, in the expectation that he will become strong enough to provide China with an effective Government.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

SOME OF OUR PUBLIC MEN WHO
seem to find it more pleasant to talk about and advertise the United States than to let the world know about the advantages Canada has to offer might take the comments of The Brantford Expositor to heart. This is what it had to say recently about Sir Henry Thornton, who, at the time, was telling Britain of his earnest belief in the future prosperity of this Dominion:

The people of Canada owe a debt of gratitude to Sir Henry Thornton for his unbounded optimism in regard to this country at home and abroad. Sir Henry was born in the United States, but he is a better Canadian by far than many public men who were born in Canada. His unbounded faith in the country of his adoption is a valuable asset to the Dominion.

There is a moral here for every Canadian. There is too much pointing to what some people seem to imagine is super-prosperity in the United States. That is nonsense. Taken as a whole there is no part of the world more prosperous or enjoying better standards of living in every respect than this Dominion.

A BANKRUPT BARONET

SIR BRODERICK HARTWELL IS A
bankrupt. He sold large quantities of liquor to illicit American importers and failed to collect all his money. It is reported that there were 700 people backing him financially in Great Britain. They lost also.

Very little sympathy will be extended to this titled smuggler. He knew the risk he was running in the material sense. His disregard for a friendly country's law is no credit to him. He and his associates, whether they like to be told so or not, are responsible for a good deal of the crime caused by liquor in the neighboring republic and coastal waters.

While outsiders have no responsibility for the enforcement of our neighbor's laws, and there is no legal obligation devolving upon them in this respect, there is a moral obligation which can not be conscientiously disregarded.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

THE RUSSIAN COMPLEX

From The Frankfurt Zeitung

Their whole political bias is definitely determined to-day by their judgment of England's attitude. They see the Anglo-Russian differences which remained unsolved after the war suddenly coming to a head in Asia. It matters little that, officially, Russia keeps apart from the revolutionary agitations in the Far East, or that the agitations in China are nations of little in character. Moscow is nowdays the hearth of a universal revolutionary flame. It cannot work as an olive branch on England that a college for Chinese students is at the present time being established in Moscow. There are no indications that Russia is exerting a soothing influence in the East. Rather is she playing there the most dangerous diplomatic game. Moscow sees in the Conservative British Government the strongest opponents to Russian State policy. It is England's evident intention to be on better terms with Poland and the Baltic States and to make her fleet at home in Baltic waters, which has provoked in Moscow the immediate desire to seek peace with these neighbors. "This desire corresponds with the eastern aims of Russian diplomacy."

WORDS OF WISE MEN

There are some defeats more triumphant than victories.
—Montaigne.

The soul has this proof of its divinity: that divine things delight it.
—Seneca.

Words once spoken can never be recalled.
—Dillon.

No wise man ever thought a traitor should be trusted.
—Cicero.

When sorrow comes, they come not single spies, but in battalions.
—Shakespeare.

Vanity is as ill at ease under indifference as tenderness is under a love which it cannot return.
—George Eliot.

There is no teaching until the pupil is brought into the same state of principle in which you are; a transference takes place; he is you, and you are he; there is a teaching; and by no unfriendly chance or bad company can he ever quite lose the benefit.
—Bergson.

PUBLIC BUREAU HAS EXPERIENCED SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Good Results From Thousands of Folders and Circulars Sent Out in 1925

During 1925 the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau experienced a record year in advertising Victoria.

In twelve months the bureau dispatched 40,000 Island maps as against 10,000 last year, 30,000 city maps as against 15,000 in 1924, 25,000 Victoria folders as against 20,000 last year, 10,000 Island resort folders, the same number being sent out last year.

Five thousand itineraries were dispatched, a new feature this year, 25,000 ferry folders as against 10,000 last year, 50,000 blue folders, the same amount being sent out last year, 50,000 special winter folders, as against 30,000 last year, and 10,000 settler folders as against 5,000 last year. During the year 24,532 individual letters were sent to people all over the world, while last year only 13,467 were mailed. There is also an increase in the number of individual circulars dispatched as 25,515 were mailed this season against 22,015 last year.

In 1925 Victoria was advertised in 123 different newspapers, magazines and journals on this continent. These periodicals all together have a paid circulation of 2,566,000. If all the articles that appeared were condensed into one long story in one of the local newspapers it would fill a forty-page paper with solid reading matter.

The bureau during the year has greeted approximately 15,000 people, giving them information of all nature. This figure is an increase of 1,000 persons over 1924, and an increase of 5,000 over the year 1923. From January to August this year the bureau was visited by no less than 15,457 people.

VICTORIA BOYS MUST PAY SHARE IN TRAVELING POOL

To-day is busy day at the Boys' Parliament in session at the Parliament Buildings, and what has not been formally put through to-night will be thrown overboard, as to-night is closing time.

The boys late yesterday got into an argumentative and wrangling mood. Nothing came up without an outburst of attacks.

Despite all this, however, Bill Four, authorizing participation in World Brotherhood Affairs, was given first, second and final readings. Bill Six, respecting the Dominion Parliament, Boys' C.B.E.T., method of electing British Columbia representatives, candidates' qualifications, dates of elections, voters' qualifications, expenses, was finally passed. Bill Seven, providing for promotion of district camps throughout British Columbia, establishing a standing committee appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for forming a joint committee on camps with the Religious Education Council and providing that local Religious Education Councils or Boys' Work Boards throughout British Columbia should include local members on the camp committees, was passed. Bill Nine, the B.O.C.E. E.T. Recognition Act, was passed to reaffirm the status of Tuxis and Trail Ranger Clubs after the period of their official recognition as such had expired.

Bill Three started the boys on an hour and a half of argument last night, on its clauses dealing with the organization of the Parliament, procedure, electoral districts, number of members, method of election. The bill will come up again to-day. The Victoria members put up a fight over the requirements that they had to pay into the general pool to cover railway fares of all members, explaining that they were put to considerable expense providing billets and breakfasts for the visitors, in addition to other entertaining. The mainland members replied that against this they were forced to carry expenses, such as travelling costs to and from Victoria, which Victoria members did not have to meet. The amendment to allow the Victoria members to escape paying their share into the expense pool was voted down.

This third parliament will be prorogued at to-night's session, which starts at 7:30 o'clock.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 31.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains high over Southern B.C. and fair, moderately cold weather extends eastward to Manitoba. Fog is reported on the Straits and Sound.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 33; wind, 8 miles N.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 20; wind, 8 miles S.; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.09; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 25; wind, 26 miles S.E.; rain, 25; weather, rain.

Estevan—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Trinidad—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 26 miles E.; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, foggy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

1926

Standing at the open gates of another year, it is a source of joy and satisfaction to contemplate the friends who have come to us through our business.

May we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your goodwill and to wish for you and those whose welfare and happiness are in your keeping, a year of good health, happiness and prosperity.

Kirk Coal Co. Ltd.

MAYBLOOM TEA

Reduced Price: At Your Grocers.
A Luxury Within the Reach of All.

Winnipeg — Temperature, maximum yesterday, 20; minimum, 8; snow, trace.
Temperature

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	41	33
Vancouver	43	35
Pasadena	51	37
Grand Forks	24	10
Regina	22	8
Kamilo	22	8
Swift Current	22	12
Calgary	48	22
Medicine Hat	28	8
Edmonton	26	14
Winnipeg	31	11
Qu'Appelle	24	8
Regina	24	8
Saskatoon	24	8
Ottawa	12	10
Montreal	12	10
St. John	12	10

Canadian Questions and Answers

CANADA'S CROP LOSSES

Q. What are some of Canada's crop losses?
A. Canada loses millions annually from plant diseases. It is estimated that grain smuts cause a yearly loss of \$12,000,000 and grain rusts anywhere from \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Experts of the Dominion Experimental Farms are constantly studying how to combat these two giant evils to agriculture.

CANADA'S HISTORIC SITES

Q. What is being done toward marking Canada's historic sites?
A. The Historic Sites and Monuments Board is in process of marking historic sites all over Canada. The Dominion Experimental Farms are constantly studying how to combat these two giant evils to agriculture.

MANY AT CHURCH CEREMONY IN ROME

Pope To-day Promulgated Feast of the Kingdom of Christ

Rome, Dec. 31.—With customary pomp and splendor, the Pope to-day at a ceremony in the Basilica of St. Peter promulgated the Feast of the Kingdom of Christ as a part of the Roman Catholic liturgy, as announced in his recent special encyclical. The Pontiff was carried into the Basilica in the sedia gestatoria, and was followed by the cardinals, archbishops, members of the papal court and his ecclesiastical entourage. The cortege halted for a few moments at the Chapel of Sacraments for the Pontiff to perform the ceremony of adoration of the saints, and then proceeded to the papal altar, where the Pope mounted the throne. After celebration of pontifical mass, the Pope promulgated the new feast by reading a formula consecrating mankind to the sacred heart of Jesus. Following this a Te Deum was sung and the Pope imparted a solemn benediction for the benefit of all present. There was a large attendance.

DIGGON'S give away CABINET RADIO

See Window 1208 Coyt St. Headquarters for Christmas Cards

BEST ISLAND Coal

VICTORIA FUEL Co. Ltd.

1203 Broad Street—Phone 1577
A. R. Graham E. M. Brown

MANY COME TO SEE NEW YEAR IN HERE

Mining Operator Brings Good News For Owners Here; More Prairie Folks Arrive

R. L. Clothier, operating head of the Beaver mine near Beaverdell, B.C., and of the Elkhorn Fraction at Greenwood, is in Victoria for the year-end holiday with his wife. Mr. Clothier said that another carload of ore was going from the Beaver to the Trail smelter as he left for the coast, and this will be higher grade than any shipped during 1925. The ore bunkers at the Beaver are all filled and regular shipments will be kept up. Victoria capital controls the mine, and it has turned out to be such a producer that its securities are now selling on the market for ten to fifteen times the price current early in the year, bringing concrete prosperity to a dozen or so Victoria owners.

At the Elkhorn Fraction the machinery has now been all installed and preparations made to get that property on a permanent shipping basis.

GOOD ROAD LEADER
"Hill" International road race leader, who was some time ago specially honored by France, and who was the escort of General Joffre when he toured this coast after the war, has arrived from Seattle for the year-end holiday in Victoria. He is staying at "Gibraltar," Esquimalt.

Other Seattle people who have arrived in Victoria are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCormick, who are staying at the Empress Hotel.

TRADE OF CANADA STEADILY INCREASES

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The sum of Canada's trade in 1925 will greatly exceed that of 1924.

Latest figures available at the Bureau of Statistics show that in the eleven months ended November 30, 1925, the total of the country's trade was \$1,993,780,686. In the whole twelve months of 1924 the total trade was valued at \$1,966,235,471. Figures for December, 1925, are not available, but if the month ending to-day shows as high a trade as last year the increase in 1925 over 1924 will be around \$25,000,000.

Imports during 1925 in the eleven months were valued at \$818,949,066. Exports totaled \$1,090,451,626. In the corresponding period of 1924 imports reached \$747,249,085 and exports reached \$1,047,249,085. The total trade for 1924 was \$1,794,498,170, making a total trade for the period of \$1,880,877,520. The total duty collected on Canada's imports was approximately \$20,000,000 higher in 1925 than in 1924.

EGG EXHIBIT TO BE STAGED NEXT MONTH

In Connection With Poultry Show at Willows January 6, 7, 8 and 9

Arrangements are complete for the egg exhibit which will be held at the Willows Fair Grounds, under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, on January 6, 7, 8 and 9 in connection with the annual poultry show which will be held at that time. This is the first egg display that has been staged in either British Columbia or Canada.

Competitions will be held for the producers, in small lots, and in large quantities for the wholesalers. In addition a special display in cartons has been arranged with all the local farms co-operating.

The department has had 500 posters printed with the following words inscribed: "An Egg a Day, Keeps the Doctor Away." These will be distributed to all the restaurants. The slogan for the show will be "An Egg a Day, Keeps the Doctor Away." Descriptive pamphlets describing eggs and their value will be distributed among the consumers and also 5,000 leaflets describing the standardized grades of eggs.

An added feature will be the moving pictures, which will be shown twice daily at the show on the poultry industry. On Thursday, January 7, these pictures will be shown to the students of the Victoria High School at the school.

A special display is now on its way from Ottawa to be exhibited at the show.

No admission will be charged to the show and the moving pictures will also be free to the public.

The classifications for consumers and producers or commercial houses, are as follows:

CONSUMERS

One dozen special, white; one dozen special, other than white; one dozen extra, white; one dozen extra, other than white; three dozen special, white; three dozen special, other than white; three dozen extra, white; three dozen extra, other than white. Entry fee, \$1.00.

PRODUCERS OR COMMERCIAL HOUSES

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Spokane Woman Dies of Injuries After Motor Crash

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 31.—Mrs. L. A. Latham of Spokane, injured yesterday when an automobile driven by Mrs. Hazel Marx, of Portland, skidded and went over a high bank on the Pacific Highway near Salmon Creek, died in a hospital here last night.

Three children of Mrs. Marx also were in the automobile. Beatrice Marx, seven, was bruised on the leg. Theo, eleven, and Mrs. Marx, were only slightly injured.



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Britons Study Lesson in Old Parr's 152 Years

London, Dec. 31.—The memory of Thomas Parr, who set England's standard of longevity by living to be 152 years old, is being invoked in a campaign by the Long Life Society in favor of simple living. The object lesson, however, is found as much in the cause of his death as in the manner of his living.

"Old Parr" lived under ten English monarchs, from 1483 to 1635. The

authenticity of the record is attested by a slab in Westminster Abbey, where England's great are remembered. Until nearly the end of his life he lived on the simplest fare, whole grain bread, milk, cheese and fruit, and at 120 he was hale enough to marry a second time. But when he reached 152 his fame reached the ears of King Charles I, who invited him to London and feasted him so that he died.

An acid stomach caused by indigestion often creates rheumatic symptoms. Set your stomach right with Selgel's Syrup. Any drug store.

MINING INDUSTRY SHOWS BIG ADVANCE IN MANY OF B.C.'S MINERAL SECTIONS

The marked progress shown during the year just ending in the mining industry throughout British Columbia—a progress which has resulted in a production estimated at \$61,491,600, compared with \$48,704,604 in 1924 or an increase of no less than twenty-six per cent, constituting the banner year in the industry in British Columbia—is summarized in the report just issued by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines and Provincial Secretary, showing the details of production. The report also covers in succinct manner the outstanding features of the year's mining development in the various mining districts of the Province, the salient features of which are given below.

Mr. Sloan states that beginning with District No. 1 the year has been one of marked progress. The Premier Mine is doubling the capacity of its concentrator. Announcement has been made by the management of the B.C. Silver Mines indicating that the last four years of development have been most satisfactory in proving the existence of large and valuable ore bodies. The Big Missouri property, which has been bonded and given up for development, was developed during the summer by a Tacoma syndicate with satisfactory result. Thirty or forty properties in the Portland Canal Division, part of District No. 1, have been more or less developed during the year. It can only be expected that a relatively small percentage of this number will develop into profitable mines, but on the whole much progress has been made this year.

In the Atlin Division important work has been going on. The best known property there is the Engineer Gold Mine, progress on which is not known in detail owing to reticence of the management, but it is known that some production has been made and that in the future it will be a considerable contributor to the gold output of the Province.

MINE REOPENS
In district No. 2 the most important event was the reopening of the Henderson Mine, at Smithers, by Duthie Mines Limited. This property is now shipping about 300 tons a month of high-grade silver-lead ore. Several properties were reopened in the Hazelton and Telkwa sections and some scale operations carried on, including the shipment of hand-sorted high-grade ore from several of them. The operations of the Kafue Copper Development Company's gold dredge at Barkerville, in the Cariboo mining division, has been of unusual interest. The dredge is handling about 2,000 cubic yards a day at an operating cost of ten cents a yard. The ground worked carries from twenty-five to forty cents a yard, and several years' supply has been proven.

In the No. 3 District the important developments of the year have been the reopening of the Iron Mask Mine at Kamloops, where a development campaign is under way, including the sinking of a new shaft; the operations of the Merritt Mines Limited, which is developing the Viny Ridge group and the old Aberdeen property, which are situated near Merritt; the opening up of the gypsum deposit at Falkland, on the new Kelowna-Kamloops branch of the Canadian National Railway, by the B.C. Gypsum Company; the success being attained by development on the Lorne and other properties in the Bridge River section; the reopening of the Emancipation Mine near Hope, B.C.; the bonding of the Windpass property near Chetco, by the B.C. Gypsum Company; the commencement of vigorous development by them; the optioning of the Lewis property on Tranquille Creek by the Federal Mining & Smelting Company; and a number of placer mining developments at dif-

ferent points throughout the district.

CAMP REVIVES
In No. 4 District the reopening of the Copper Mountain Mine and mill in August was of considerable importance. This is, of course, not a new development, but is the result of development in past years now expressed in production. The old Beaverdell camp, which has been reviving steadily for the past three years, has been a centre of great activity. The success of the operation of the Bell Mine by Mr. Duncan McIntosh. This was followed by the sale, which was made by a local Pacific syndicate and this property has now been acquired by the Federal Company, at a reported price of \$500,000. Many of the camp have been bonded, bought or optioned, and active development is proceeding on many of them. The ore in this camp is high in silver, and carload shipments away from \$50 to 500 ounces to the ton. The Horn Silver Mine, near Similkameen, is being operated by Vancouver, and a small concentrator is being erected. A lot of work has been done this year in drilling, testing and working placer deposits on the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers. Full details of the year's work are not available but the results on the whole have not been particularly encouraging.

KOOTENAYS BOOMING
No. 5 District, comprising East and West Kootenay, is the most important mining district of the Province. It includes the famous Sullivan Mine at Kimberley, the Slokan district, and the metallurgical plant of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, of Canada Limited, at Trail. A vigorous policy of expansion has been in progress by this company during recent years. The basis of this expansion is to be found in the enormous deposit of low-grade silver-lead-zinc ore at the Sullivan Mine. For years the efficient treatment of the complex ore was an unsolved problem and much research work in concentration of the ore and its metallurgical treatment was necessary before a solution was found. This year the zinc plant at Trail has doubled, giving it a capacity of 200 tons a day, and the lead plant increased to 350 tons a day of refined metal, mainly lead and zinc with also gold bars and silver bricks. The copper refinery at Trail is now in operation and with an assured supply of copper concentrates from Allenby, a steady output of copper has been made in the past year. This company also extracts from its own ore antimony as a by-product. It manufactures for its own requirements sulphuric acid and hydrofluosilicic acid from B.C. raw materials. Besides mining, smelting and refining its own ores from various sources, the company has a custom plant, treating ores from nearly all the mines in the Southern Interior of B.C.

NEW MINES PROMISING
Among the many new developments which give rise to expectations that within the next year or so many new names will be added to the shipping list the following may be mentioned: The Stenwinder and North Star Mines are being vigorously developed and prospected by the Porcupine Goldfield Development and Finance Company Limited; at the Ruth Mine, near Salmon River, development is being pushed ahead by the Ruth-Hope Mining Company; the Carnation group at Sandon is being systematically developed; the B.C. Gypsum Company, acting on behalf of a Victoria syndicate, which has an option on the property; at the McAllister Mine, near Three Forks, development is being pushed ahead by the B.C. Gypsum Company; the development of the Sheep Creek, which during the last several years has ranked well with the principal lead producers of the district, is now being systematically developed with a view to increasing production.

At Field the Pacific Mines Petroleum Development Company, which is developing the Kicking Horse Mine, has recently acquired the Monarch. There is evidence of renewed activity in the Sheep Creek gold camp, where the Reno is now being developed by American capital. It is reported that work will be continued on the Nugget-Motherlode properties by the Selkirk Mines Company.

PRODUCTION INCREASED

In the No. 6 District, the only important shipping mine is that of the Britannia Mining & Smelting Company. This company's property is now in first class condition, making a larger production than ever, and with development keeping well ahead in order to maintain ore reserves. Some important new discoveries have been made on the company's property this year, but full details are not yet available. Steady development of the Old Sport Mine in Quatsino division, Vancouver Island, with a crew of from forty to fifty men during the year, is reported. This is a copper-gold property, and the ore reserves now proven are sufficient to make certain that before long the property will be equipped so that it will become productive.

A number of old properties in this district have been taken up during the year and development of them commenced. Among these were the Dorothea-Morton and Monte Christo properties in the Phillips Arm section; the Florence and adjoining claims, now owned by the Malaspina

Mines Limited—a zinc property near Lund which is only a prospect, but lives promise of a large tonnage of zinc-copper ore, and many other properties.

BEDTIME STORY Uncle Wiggily's New Year Horn

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(By Howard R. Garis)

Scotter and Tooter, the little boy rabbits, were hopping along the path to the toy store, and behind them hopped Jingle and Jangle, their sisters.

"Don't lose your money!" called back Tooter to Jingle.

"Cause if you do it might roll off in the woods and we couldn't find it for you," added Scotter.

"Oh, we won't lose our money, 'cause if we did we couldn't buy any horns to blow to-night when the Old Year goes away and the New Year comes," said Jangle.

The four little bunnies went on their way to the toy store to buy horns to blow for Uncle Wiggily had said they might sit up that night and watch the Old Year go and the New Year come.

Uncle Wiggily tried to blow his horn.

such noisy ones you never heard!" He tested one and Jangle and Jangle clapped their paws over their ears. But Scotter and Tooter danced for joy.

Now, as it happened, Nurse Jane out of the kindness of her heart, and also out of her pocketbook, had given the bunnies enough money to buy four horns, and there was some change left over.

"I'll give you an extra horn for the extra pennies," chattered the monkey doddle gentleman who kept the toy store, and the others said, "Oh, yes! Let's!"

But on the way home Tooter thought of a trick to play.

"We will wait until the New Year is almost here before we give Nurse Jane our horns," said the little mischievous rabbit boy. "And before we give it to him I will pour it full of water, so when he blows it he'll be surprised."

"Oh, that will be a good trick for New Year's Eve!" laughed Jangle.

The bunnies said nothing about the extra horn for Uncle Wiggily. But Tooter filled it with water, and then put it outside, on the back porch, so that when he would see it until it was time to hand it to Uncle Wiggily to blow.

The hours past. Night came. The last night of 1925, with the New Year of 1926 just around the corner, so to speak. Some of the little bunnies in the bungalow had fallen asleep, but as midnight hour drew near they awakened. Each one had a horn and then Tooter, going to the back door, brought in the extra one he had filled with water.

"Here is a horn for you to blow, daddycums," he said.

"Oh, thank you!" spoke Uncle Wiggily, looking at the clock. The hands pointed to 12. "Happy New Year!" cried Mr. Longears. "Good-bye, 1925! Welcome, 1926! Blow, everybody!"

Such a noise as the clock moved slowly onward; 1925 was getting older by the second. And then the little bunnies went to bed to dream of having fun next year. And with the new year I shall have some new stories to tell you about Uncle Wiggily. Now—good-night!

Sooke
Special to The Times
Sooke, Dec. 31.—The Sooke Women's Institute will hold their annual meeting at the Sooke Hall on January 2, a week later than usual, owing to the regrettable illness of the secretary.

Captain H. Robertson has been visiting his home in Saseenos.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

CFVC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
4:30-5:30 p.m.—Popular music.
5:30-6:30 p.m.—Special New Year's Eve programme of dance music.
6:30-7:30 p.m.—CFAC (436) Vancouver, B.C.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Dance programme from Ambassador Cafe.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Address by Dr. Ernest Hall.

Midnight—Citizens' hour.
CFDC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
6:30-7:30 p.m.—Dinner hour programme.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Calgary Belmont.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Programme by the City of Calgary, arranged by His Worship Mayor Webster.
9:30-10:30 p.m.—CFAC (436) Calgary, Alta.

8 p.m.—Kiddies' bedtime story by Aunt Mary.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme by the Hayden male quartette, assisted by the Canadian National Railway orchestra.
9:30-10:30 p.m.—WCAI (127) Northfield, Minn.
10:30-11:30 p.m.—Programme under the auspices of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

KQW (482) Portland, Ore.
7:45-8:45 p.m.—Lecture, courtesy Catholic Truth Society.
8:45-9:45 p.m.—San Francisco, Cal.
9:45-10:45 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Fairmont Hotel orchestra.
10:45-11:45 p.m.—Programme by courtesy of Geo. W. Caswell Coffee Company.

11:45-12:45 p.m.—Palace Hotel dance orchestra.
12:45-1:45 p.m.—Jack Conkley's Cabarets.
1:45-2:45 p.m.—Seattle, Wash.
2:45-3:45 p.m.—Closing stock quotations, New York.
3:45-4:45 p.m.—Studio programme by Poole Electric Co.
4:45-5:45 p.m.—Pugot Sound Savings and Loan studio programme.
5:45-6:45 p.m.—Weekly meeting of the "Keep Joy Radiating" Order of Bats.
6:45-7:45 p.m.—Programme by University of Southern California.
7:45-8:45 p.m.—L. A. Examiner matinee programme.
8:45-9:45 p.m.—Vest pocket concert.
9:45-10:45 p.m.—KFI Radiatorial Period.
10:45-11:45 p.m.—Programme by the Southern California Music Co.
11:45-12:45 p.m.—L. A. Examiner programme.
12:45-1:45 p.m.—New Year's programme.
1:45-2:45 p.m.—Continuation of New Year's programme.

KFOA (455) Seattle, Wash.
4:30-5:30 p.m.—The Times W.N.M. P. Hoffman's Olympic Hotel concert orchestra.
5:30-6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.
6:30-7:30 p.m.—KGO (381) Oakland, Cal.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Concert orchestra, Hotel St. Francis.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—George W. Ludlow.
9:30-10:30 p.m.—Oakland studio programme.
10:30-11:30 p.m.—KFI (408).
11:30-12:30 p.m.—Children's programme.
12:30-1:30 p.m.—Dr. Philip M. Lovell will give his weekly "Care of the Body Talk."
1:30-2:30 p.m.—Programme of the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

PRISON TERM LENGTHENED

New Westminster, Dec. 31.—Nick Koran, who escaped from the Oakalla prison farm May 1, 1924, after serving nearly four months of a nine-month sentence, was sentenced by Judge Howay in county court here yesterday to nine months in Oakalla.

—to insure insertion in Saturday's paper all Display Advertising Copy Should be Handed in to Times Office not later Than 8 p.m. Friday.

REV. DR. CAMERON DIED IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. A. A. Cameron, eighty-four, prominent in Baptist circles in Canada and the United States, died here yesterday. Besides having charge of pastorates in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Denver, Colo., and Brooklyn, N.Y., he was for three

RAILWAY QUESTION

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Free transportation granted on the Canadian National Railways during the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 is the subject of a motion for a return which has been placed on the Order Paper of the House of Commons by George Black, Conservative, Yukon.

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3 Marcel Grand-jany, great harpist, January 11th.

AT THE THEATRES

STUDYING TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ACTING WITH JACKIE

Jackie Coogan will never make more than two films per year, according to a recent statement issued by Jack Coogan Sr., producer of his famous son's pictures.

Thousands of fans write to the Coogan offices in Hollywood asking why they can't have more of Jackie's pictures. The older Coogan established the policy of two a year, because he considered his son's education above everything. In making but two films per season, about two months of Jackie's time is consumed in production. This is about the vacation period of the average school boy. The balance of the year Jackie attends to his schooling like all lads of his own age. When he goes to New York or away from home, his tutor is constantly by his side. School boards take no heed of film fame, and each year Jackie must take the examination provided in the state laws of California. When the juvenile star went to Europe last year, he was absent from home for four months, and on his return he took his examinations and made a junior high school grade at the age of ten.

"Old Clothes" is the first picture Jackie made during the year 1925, and it will be seen at the Columbia Theatre to-day. He will start on his second production in about two months, title of which will be announced later.

"Old Clothes" is a story by Willard

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AT THE THEATRES

Capitol—"We Moderns."
Dominion—"A Kiss for Cinderella."
Coliseum—"Sinbad the Sailor."
Playhouse—"Old Mother Hubbard."
Columbia—Jackie Coogan.

MONKEY RAN WILD IN BALLROOM SCENE OF DOMINION FILM

Herbert Brenon, who recently completed filming "A Kiss for Cinderella," showing at the Dominion Theatre, rises sadly to remark that for him the monkey will ever be associated with revolution rather than evolution.

One of the big scenes in this picture is the famous stage success, a magnificent dream ball, at which four hundred guests make merry to music furnished by a dozen organ grinders, each accompanied by a Simian companion.

While this scene was being photographed, one of the monkeys suddenly decided to inject a little comedy of his own. His idea of fun was to dance the Charleston on the head of one of the young ladies present. A blood-curdling shriek issued from the throat of the lady thus unexpectedly honored. In a moment, pandemonium reigned.

PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS NURSERY CHARACTERS IN GREAT PANTOMIME

What child is there who hasn't heard of Little Bo Peep, Miss Muffet of Tommy Tucker? These nursery characters are appearing this week at the Playhouse Theatre and are providing fun and thrills for the capacity houses of children and adults. The Christmas pantomime, "Old Mother Hubbard," is the best of Reginald Hincks' productions, and Victorians cannot afford to miss this big treat of the season.

Ernie Petch, as "Old Mother Hubbard,"

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bard," is unbeatable in his representation of the woman who went to the cupboard to get the poor dog a bone. Reginald Hincks, "King Cartouches," pleases all who see him, while the activities of Sambo, the nigger, are a delight to follow. Dancing and singing combine in making the show a complete success.

LONDON OUTPACES GREENWICH VILLAGE SCREEN STORY SHOWS

Greenwich Village has a lot of strange societies tucked away in the shadows of Washington Arch. But London is way ahead of the Village for queer groups.

One of the oddest of all is the "Blue Bohemians," the result of post-war hysteria and intellectual conceit. The members of this society, which include both sexes, do everything that they wouldn't and nothing that they should.

COLISEUM STAGES MIDNIGHT MATINEE TO GREET NEW YEAR

Right to the last seat in the gallery, the Coliseum has been crowded for the big Christmas pantomime, "Sinbad the Sailor," and so that all who wish to see it may be given the opportunity there will be two shows Friday and Saturday nights, in addition to the scheduled matinees. The first show will start at 7.30 each night, and the second at 9.30. Every night of the week the show has gone over with a bang and big crowds have laughed at, and with, the comedians and cheered the dainty dancers who contribute to the success of the pantomime in no small measure. Fairy Bluebell, Princess Sweetlips, and the dainty toe dancer, Gaby Marshall, have won hundreds of admirers and their dressing-rooms have been a veritable garden of flowers with bouquets which have been sent to them. With excellent comedy pictures, the Coliseum makes an ideal holiday attraction for adults and children. The midnight matinee to-night promises to be a magnet for those out to say good-bye to old 1925 and hail to 1926 in a manner worthy of the great occasion. There will be confetti, streamers, music, dancing, comedy and fun all blended in an excellent programme.

Oliver Morosco Tells of His Losses

New York, Dec. 31.—Oliver Morosco, theatrical producer, who says he was left "flat broke" after the promotion of the Morosco Holding Company, whose employees and promoters are on trial in federal court here charged with using the mails to defraud, testified yesterday that he had also lost an interest in "Abie's Irish Rose."

Morosco advanced \$1,000 to produce the play in California and it became an immediate success, he said. He turned over his interest in the play to the holding company and never realized a cent on his investment, he testified.

British Theatre Men Vote Against Curb On American Films

London, Dec. 31.—England continues to make a lively issue of the ascendancy of American films in the British Isles. The recent adverse vote of movie theatre owners on the question of making compulsory the exhibition of a fixed proportion of British films in British houses has, however, thrown a new light on the problem and halted action.

That the British exhibitors would prefer British films if they were equal to American films had as good as been proved by the fact that the compulsory exhibition of British films would, in their opinion, lessen the receipts of film houses. In other words it would also reduce the income the Government receives from amusement taxes.

That put the question in a new light. The Government needs all it can get from amusement taxes, and there is apparently less eagerness to rush legislation which would affect the treasury.

Many prominent exhibitors have said very frankly that the public would not see the value of the very good reason that the British makers do not supply films which appeal widely to theatregoers. They have said that they do not see any prospect of supplying a large quantity of satisfactory British films in the immediate future.

Consequently the enforced exhibition of a certain quota of British films might ruin many houses without bettering the film industry, as the public will not pay to see films which it does not like.

Happy Valley

Special to The Times
Luton and Happy Valley, Dec. 31.—Something entirely new and novel took place in the Luton and Happy Valley Theatre to-night under the auspices of the Luton and Happy Valley Women's Institute, in the form of a surprise entertainment. The convenor of the affair being Miss Kelly. The object of the entertainment was to raise funds for the institute, and a very enjoyable programme was presented. The affair was held as no rehearsal had taken place, and every item was a surprise to everyone but the artist.

Those taking part in the pro-

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Rhonda Welsh Male Choir

programme included Mrs. Ruddle, Miss Gladys Dallimore, Misses Grace and Lillian Higham, Misses Mary and Dorothy McKay, D. Ruddle, Mrs. S. Hutchinson, Mr. Richards, Mrs. Helmsley, Miss Alice Madders, Mrs. Farmer, Miss Evelyn Smith, Miss Marion Kelly, Miss Winnie Farmer, Mr. Morrow and Mrs. Cooper, an old-time resident who delighted the audience with old-time song.

Following the programme supper was served under the co-sponsorship of Mrs. R. Brown, assisted by ladies of the institute, after which dancing was enjoyed, much of it to radio music, which had been kindly arranged by S. Goucher.

SELF-STYLED PRINCE JAILED IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The self-styled Crown Prince of Kurdistan, also known as Prince Mohammed Said Zerdacheno, who was deported from the United States on two occasions last Spring, yesterday received a sentence of one year's imprisonment as an impostor. He was arrested in October while promenading in one of Berlin's most elegant hotels, clad in a gay uniform with his breast covered with medals that were said to be fakes.

VERDICT OF MURDER

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A coroner's jury here yesterday decided that "some person or persons unknown murdered Mrs. Romuald Dupuis December 16 in her home on Beaubien Street." The verdict set at liberty her husband, who had been held on a coroner's warrant since the crime, as a material witness.

PIMPLES OVER FACE AND NECK

Itched and Burned Badly. Healed by Cuticura.

"My face started to itch and burn and then broke out with pimples that were hard, large and red. After a few days they festered and scaled over and were very sore. They itched and burned so badly that I used to scratch which caused them to spread all over my face and neck. My face was badly disfigured."

"I read an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a free sample. After using it I purchased more and in about two weeks I was healed." (Signed) Miss Bertha Wilson, R. R. 2, Foresters Falls, Ont., Oct. 3, 1924.

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An Apology! From the Playhouse

ALL WEEK PANTOMIME

Reginald Hincks Presents the Biggest Little Pantomime Ever Conceived. Full Length. No Intermissions.

"Old Mother Hubbard"

And on the Same Bill, Screen Presentation. Warner Bros. Present Monte Blue, in

"The Limited Mail"

A Roaring Romance of the Railroads.
PRICES: Reserved Section, Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.
Lower Floor, Adults 25¢, Children 15¢.
Gallery, Adults 15¢, Children 10¢.

PLAYHOUSE

Next Week—SYD CHAPLIN in "The Man on the Box"

To the hundreds of Victoria people who packed the Playhouse, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; to those who stood patiently in line to gain admittance, and to those who were not able to gain admission, we tender our apologies.

On behalf of Mr. Hincks, his entire company, and the theatre management, we want to extend our thanks and appreciation for what we will count in memory as one of the most successful pantomimes ever given in this theatre.

To give our many clients an opportunity of seeing this pantomime, we are changing our usual schedule on Friday and Saturday only. The New Schedule Will Be as Follows:
Matinees Doors at 2.00; Starts 2.30
Nights Doors at 6.10; Starts 6.35
Nights—Second Show Starts 9.00

These Shows Start With Pantomime

1925

"THE WHIRLIGIG OF TIME"

Locarno: A New Spirit Is Born Among the Nations — Disarmament Brought Nearer to Practical Reality—Canada's Great Harvest—A Troubled Year for France—War Rears Its Ugly Head Over Mosul—General Election in the Dominion Leaves the Political Situation Clouded—Fewer Immigrants—New Year Opens With Canada Confident and Determined.

Canada's General Election

This was election year in Canada. Premier Mackenzie King announced that he would appeal to the electors in a speech at Richmond, Ontario, on September 5. Polling took place on October 29, with the result that while the Conservative representation was largely increased and the Liberal and Progressive representation decreased, no party had a majority, and Premier King, after consultation with his Cabinet, agreed to remain in office until he has learned the wishes of the new Parliament. The new session is to begin on Thursday, January 7.

At the time of the appeal the standing of the parties was as follows:

Liberals	116
Progressives	62
Conservatives	49
Labor	4
Vacant	4
Total	235

The result of the polling (including the by-election held at Bagot, Quebec, on December 7) was as follows:

Province	Lib.	Cons.	Prog.	Labor	Ind.	Total
P.E.I.	2	2	0	0	0	4
New Brunswick	1	10	0	0	0	11
Nova Scotia	3	11	0	0	0	14
Quebec	60	4	0	0	1	65
Ontario	12	68	2	0	0	82
Manitoba	1	7	2	2	0	17
Saskatchewan	15	0	6	0	0	21
Alberta	4	3	9	0	0	16
British Columbia	3	10	1	0	0	14
Yukon	0	1	0	0	0	1

Totals 101 116 25 2 1 245

This summary includes in the Liberal column, J. E. Dubuc, the Independent Liberal elected in Chicoutimi; and M. G. Evanturel, elected as an Independent Liberal in Prescott.

BANK CLEARINGS

	1924.	1925.
January	\$1,389,642,128	\$1,410,102,198
February	1,278,550,077	1,109,627,472
March	1,174,278,616	1,195,145,688
April	1,268,833,546	1,278,773,230
May	1,431,525,728	1,341,968,330
June	1,259,802,974	1,240,079,079
July	1,461,414,891	1,330,759,491
August	1,252,548,830	1,248,105,224
September	1,394,653,064	1,332,379,710
October	1,771,699,402	1,710,100,769
November	1,647,134,224	1,670,184,394
December	1,708,334,159	

WHERE THE IMPORTS COME FROM—1924-1925

	From United Kingdom	From United States	From Other Countries
Agriculture and Vegetable Products	\$28,602,825	\$1,264,500	\$78,497,457
Animals and Animal Products	4,237,455	239,257,472	4,881,408
Textiles	23,284,366	14,960,390	26,747,485
Wood, Wood Products and Paper	1,061,219	405,976,000	1,852,845
Iron and its Products	12,119,000	68,807,000	3,054,881
Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products	4,209,506	36,204,118	3,018,932
Chemicals	4,203,324	18,409,312	3,474,903
Miscellaneous	5,244,713	34,511,403	5,749,287

HARVEST OF 1925

The total yield for Canada of the principal grain, potato, root and fodder crops for 1925 is estimated as follows:

	1925	1924	Average Yield per Acre
Wheat	22,921,000	22,294,000	28.9
Spring Wheat	22,921,000	22,294,000	28.9
Winter Wheat	422,287,000	382,097,000	13.2
Oats	121,922,000	105,976,000	35.8
Barley	11,119,000	10,807,000	7.8
All Rye (Spring and Fall)	14,434,000	13,750,000	16.9
Flax	44,000	44,000	0.1
Turnips, Mangolds	35,622,000	47,590,580	174.3
Furnish and Clover	13,902,000	14,230,300	1.9
Alfalfa	1,448,000	1,256,800	2.21
Fodder Crops	1,448,000	1,256,800	2.21
Sugar Beets	415,000	324,000	1.00

The total estimated yield of wheat is the second largest on record for Canada, the previous highest total having been 474,199,000 bushels in 1923. Other high records were in 1922 (309,000,000 bushels); 1921 (301,000,000 bushels); 1918 (298,000,000 bushels). The total of 521,922,000 bushels of oats has only been exceeded twice in 1923 (564,000,000 bushels), and 1920 (531,000,000 bushels).

The yield of barley, 112,119,000 bushels, constitutes a record, the previous best being 88,807,000 bushels in 1924.

Of the wheat crop the following was the output in the three prairie provinces:

	1925	1924
Manitoba	33,963,000	41,484,000
Saskatchewan	240,551,000	132,918,000
Alberta	114,943,000	61,312,000

Red Letter Days

Locarno Treaty, signed Dec. 1. Election day in Canada, Oct. 29. Queen Alexandra dies Nov. 20. Coal miners strike begins in U.S. Sept. 1. Senator Dandurand elected president League Council Sept. 7. Luther forms Cabinet in Germany Jan. 15. Under Secretaryship Dominion Affairs created June 11. Riots in Shanghai June 1. French fire on Damascus Nov. 3. Prince of Wales leaves on long tour March 25. Hindenburg elected president Germany April 26. Evolution trial begins at Dayton July 15. Australia decides to borrow \$20,000,000 in New York. Jehol Druses revolt against French Aug. 3. British Government announces subsidy coin mines July 31. Poincaré forms Ministry April 16. Little Entente Conference at Bucharest May 9. Military coup d'état at Athens June 24. German elections March 29. Rauluis captured Jan. 27. Canton Government boycotts British shipping Aug. 20.

CANADA'S DEBT

	1924	1925
Total	\$2,382,616,382	\$2,111,754,347
Net debt of the Dominion on Dec. 1, 1924	\$2,382,616,382	
Net debt of the Dominion on Dec. 1, 1925		\$2,111,754,347
Decrease		\$270,862,035

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When the representatives of the Great Powers were discussing the terms of the treaty that were afterwards ratified at Versailles in 1919, France demanded some security against invasion by Germany on her eastern boundary. Twice in less than half a century German soldiers had crossed the Rhine in aggressive war.

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HONORED

amounted to \$23,000,000 the last of 1924 will reach \$175,000,000.

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For a long time this was the only arrangement made between the nations. But this year there has been some progress made. An agreement regarding the Belgian War Debt to the United States has reached on August 18th, a debt amounting to \$15,000,000.

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 Lord's Day—Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.; Ministry of the Word, 3.30 p.m.; Preaching of the Gospel, 7 p.m.

A Hearty Welcome to All

New Year Services

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following is the programme to be followed at the Presbyterian Sunday schools rally in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning, commencing at 11 o'clock: Invocation;

address of welcome, Dr. Leslie Clay; hymn 687, "Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year;" Scripture reading, Rev. Joseph McCoy, D.D., moderator; prayer, Rev. Daniel Walker; hymn 538, "Onward Christian Soldiers;" address, Rev. J. S. Patterson; primary hymn 714, "When He Cometh to Make Up His Jewels;" statement by convener of Presbyterian's committee; hymn 74, "O God Our Help in Ages Past;" benediction, Rev. E. Macneil.

Music by St. Andrew's orchestra; leader, Jesse Longfield; chairman, Thomas Humphries.

GORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A special watch-night service will be held at the Gorge Presbyterian Church, Tillicum Road, to-night at 10.30, when the Eskrima Presbyterian Church will unite with the Gorge Church; the pastor, Rev. Daniel Walker, will lead the service and give the address and the rest of the time will be devoted to prayer and praise, with an open meeting.

SCHOOL RALLY

The rally of all the Presbyterian Sunday schools in the city to be held in St. Andrew's Church, to-morrow morning, gives promise of being largely attended by adults as well as young people. Parents and friends are asked to take seats in the gallery as the ground floor has been reserved for the different schools. The service will commence promptly at 11 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S

On New Year's Day there will be two services at St. John's Church, when Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Revo, Nev., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Hilda Betty Cooke, over whom federal immigration officials quarreled for several weeks in an effort to have her deported to Canada because of alleged illegal entry into the United States, was awarded a divorce here to-day from James Henry Cooke, Toronto barrister, who has been conducting her efforts to obtain custody of their five-year-old child, Shirley. With the decree went custody of the child and \$200 a month for the maintenance and education of the child.

Many attended the funeral yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sands Elizabeth Ball. Relatives and friends, including members of Queen Alexandra Lodge No. 11 and the Victoria Women's Club, were present. The body was taken to the funeral home of Mrs. A. Macneil, No. 104, turned out in a body to their respect. An impressive service was conducted at the funeral home, when the Rev. J. S. Patterson (past commander), Mrs. A. Macneil (past commander), Mrs. Laing (past commander) and Mrs. Veitch (past commander) read their burial service. The hymn sung was "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were: A. Macneil, T. Veitch, J. S. Patterson, H. Savage, C. W. Hunt and L. Langdon. The body was taken to the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery, where the ladies of the L.O.L., Mrs. Eva Deane (past grand mistress), Mrs. Aikman (worthy chaplain), and Mrs. Hunter (worthy deputy), read the last burial service.

NEWS IN BRIEF

There will be no choir rehearsal at St. John's Church this week.

Arthur Rideout was fined \$2 in the city police court this morning for failing to carry a lighted lamp on his bicycle after sundown.

The Victoria Radio Club will hold a special general meeting at 8 o'clock on Monday evening at the New Temple on Pandora Avenue.

The Rev. J. S. Patterson will conduct a "Hogmanay" service to-night in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Henry Street, Victoria, West, at 7.30.

The annual meeting of the parishioners of St. Martin's Church, Tillicum, will be held on Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, in St. Martin's Church on Obed Avenue.

The officers of the Canadian Scottish Regiment will be at home in the officers' mess at the Armouries on New Year's Day between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

The business of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company has now been transferred to the city waterworks office in the city hall. Bills will be paid at the city hall by Esquimalt water users.

William and Alexander Brown, allowed out of jail on their own recognizance yesterday, did not appear in court to-day and orders for the issuance of warrants for their arrest were given.

A general meeting of Ward One Liberal Association will be held in the Liberal rooms on January 4 at 8 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a social and dance, and all Liberals are cordially invited.

The City Council is taking steps to secure additional dredging operations by the Federal Public Works Department to deepen the water in the Upper Harbor, near the Garbovy Road wharf and the lumber mills. A telegram was yesterday sent to Ottawa seeking this betterment.

Walter Peterson, of Gordon Head, may be a candidate for the Ward Three seat on the Saanich Council. While no announcement was made at the ward association meeting, Mr. Peterson admitted that opponents of the administration of Councillor G. A. Vantage had been urging him to stand.

Albert King, held in custody on a charge of doing malicious damage, having smashed plate glass windows in a Chinese confection shop at the corner of Broad and View Streets, was released from the Victoria Jail in the morning court until Monday while medical examination takes place.

At the Ward Three Ratepayers' Association meeting last night School Trustee F. V. Hobbs announced himself as a candidate for another term of office. J. Cheetham sought support as a candidate for the board. R. S. Twining, of Gordon Head, was uncertain as to acceptance of the candidacy.

Miss Laurine Gibson of Oakland, Cal., formerly of this city, who has been visiting Miss Phyllis of Hollywood Creek for the holidays, is returning to California to-night on the Ruth Alexander. While here Miss Gibson was the guest of honor at several social affairs held by former pupils of the High School. Miss Gibson while attending school here was a member of the Victoria Debating Club, and in the South has been active in dramatic work.

A warrant for the arrest of Chow, a Chinaman, was issued to-day. Chow failed to appear in answer to the call of the court. He is out on bail on a charge of indecent assault. There will be medical examination made when he is found and meanwhile his case has been adjourned until Monday. Police think he did not appear to-day owing to a misunderstanding and that he did not purposely absent himself from the court.

The monthly meeting of Ward Two Liberals will be held in the Liberal Association headquarters on Monday, January 4, at 8 p.m. A vacancy due to the resignation of Ward One Liberal, Mr. J. Cheetham, will be filled and plans for future activities, social and otherwise, will be discussed. A social and dance will be given at the close of both Ward meetings. All citizens who are interested in liberalism are invited to attend.

The City School Board last night received a petition from a large number of residents near the Oaklands School, protesting against their children being required to attend Bank Street school. The petition was signed by the parents of the over-crowded Oaklands school was sought by the petitioners, who preferred half the school to be held in the present platform system, to the present plan of sending the pupils to Bank Street, where ample accommodation is available.

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MAYOR'S CHAIR

TO BE VACATED PENDING VOTE

Acting Mayor Marchant Will Resume Council Seat While Aldermen Choose Chairman

While Alderman Marchant is acting Mayor until midnight to-night, exact interpretation of legal precedents indicate that his elevation to the post of Chairman of Council proceedings would not be valid after the dawn of the New Year.

At Monday's session of the City Council Acting Mayor Marchant will therefore become once more Alderman Marchant, and will take his seat with the other Aldermen until a vote of the 1926 council has decided who shall preside during the absence of Mayor Carl Pendray.

CITY HALL CLOSURE

The City Hall will be closed for the remainder of the week at the conclusion of business this afternoon at 4 o'clock. To-morrow being New Year's Day, the city-office employees will be home for the customary vacation, and the half day on Saturday has been added as an appreciation by the council of the excellent work performed by the staff during the past year.

MRS. OLDFIELD DIES AT ELK LAKE HOME

Widow of Well-known Resident Succumbs Following Seizure

Death came yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Emma Louise Oldfield, widow of J. H. Oldfield, who passed away at her residence, Norfolk Lodge, Elk Lake. Although she had been in indifferent health for some years, her condition only became serious on Sunday when she suffered a seizure from which she failed to rally.

Mrs. Oldfield was born at Fort Dover, Ontario, seventy years ago. After residing in Winnipeg for some years, she moved here with her family in 1912, and during her long residence at Elk Lake had acquired a wide circle of friends throughout the Saanich Peninsula.

She was predeceased by her husband in October, 1924, and is survived by one daughter, Miss Kathleen Oldfield at home, and two sons, H. C. Oldfield, Elk Lake, and Edmund Oldfield in New Zealand.

The remains are resting at the Sands Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will be held on Monday at 3 o'clock.

"Y" TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

President, Board of Directors and Staff Hosts to General Public To-morrow

On New Year's Day the Y.M.C.A. will hold its annual open house, when the president, board of directors and executive staff will be "at home" to the general public. A combined musical and gymnastic programme will be given in the gymnasium. The music will be under the direction of Thomas Kelway. During the afternoon, the ladies auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. R. G. Howell will serve refreshments in the lobby. The musical programme will consist of solos by the following artists: Mrs. B. Floyd; Angus McKinnon; L. U. Convery; Frank Partridge and the early part of the gymnastic programme will be given by the junior and senior leader corps; the juniors will perform on three pieces of apparatus, namely, the bar, the horse, and the rings. The senior leaders will give an exhibition of gymnastic ability on the long horse and spring board, and the ladies auxiliary will be assisted by the Triangle Club of the Young Men's Division, and during the early part of the afternoon, Reg. Wood will be conducting an orchestra. A group of young men will be available to direct the flow of visitors through the building, showing them the interesting features. Some special items of interest will be seen in the boys' division. The reception hours are from 2.30 till 5 o'clock, and in view of the fact that the following day, Saturday, is special open house for boys' division, the staff and board of directors would appreciate it very much if the children would defer their visit until Saturday.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER ARRANGED

Victoria Ministerial Association Announces Programme January 4-8

The annual week of prayer will be observed next week, commencing Monday, January 4, until Friday, January 8. The Victoria Ministerial Association has arranged for a series of meetings to be held in the Metropolitan schoolroom. Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock, and the following programme has been arranged:

Monday—Subject, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," speaker, Rev. J. S. Patterson; chairman, Rev. A. de B. Owen.
 Tuesday—Subject, "The Church Universal," speaker, Rev. F. W. Hardy, M.A., B.D.; chairman, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D.
 Wednesday—Subject, "International Friendships," speaker, Sir Richard Lake; chairman, Rev. W. J. Sippell, D.D.
 Thursday—Subject, "The Missionary Task," speaker, Rev. C. Wellington Campbell, D.D.
 Friday—Subject, "Education and the People," speaker, Rev. J. P. Westman; chairman, Rev. W. M. Scott.

SALVAGE KING OUT

Under sudden orders the Pacific Salvage Company's vessel, the Salvage King, left port at 2 p.m. to-day to proceed to the aid of the Niels Nielsen, reported in a broken down condition off Esquimalt south of Portland. Meagre details of the mishap to the Niels Nielsen are known here beyond the fact she is reported to have been stalled through engine failure. The Salvage King assembled her crew in short order and left on the run for the scene.

ROTARY CLUB DIES

FAREWELL TO PAST AND HELLO TO NEW YEAR

"Auld Lang Syne" Ends Last Luncheon of 1925

The Rotary Club, this afternoon marked the end of the Old Year, when the regular weekly luncheon and entertainment organized by the club, Empire Hotel, closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Members required to present New Year's resolutions ranged from humorous pledges to states of impossibility, with the majority content to promise regular attendance at the weekly luncheons. Yesterday's Christmas party for children was pronounced by President Mayhew to be the most successful of the series of annual entertainments organized by the club. A large number of surplus toys have been sent to the children's wards of the Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals.

Ratavian Tom McConnell was tendered an ovation upon his first appearance since his serious accident on the East Saanich Road, when he suffered a broken leg in a successful effort to prevent a triple motor collision.

In addition to the customary entertainment by the Rotary orchestra, Norval Peterson rendered a whistling solo and Mrs. K. Stokes sang, with accompaniment by R. H. Myers, while Mrs. W. Moore entertained with piano selections.

APPEAL COURT IS SITTING TUESDAY

Seventeen Cases Announced to be Heard so Far by Appeal Judges

Seventeen cases scheduled to come before the British Columbia court of Appeal, which opened its doors to-day were announced to-day as follows:

Lundland (respondent) E. C. Mayers vs. Gananoff (appellant) L. W. Palmer.
 Rex (respondent) R. L. Matland vs. Pidgeon (P. E. Wilson) and Geo. Milburn (respondent) J. W. de B. Farria, K.C. vs. Western Power Co. of Canada Limited (appellant) E. C. Mayers.
 Rex (respondent) E. A. Dickie vs. Mock Sing Duck (appellant) A. R. Crenah.
 Cousin (appellant) Alfred Bull vs. City of Vancouver (respondent) George E. McCrossan.
 Coast Shingle Co. Limited in bankruptcy, Alfred Bull (appellant), E. C. Mayers (respondent) vs. May Wright (appellant) F. Lyons.
 Rex (respondent) vs. White (appellant) A. Henderson, K.C. (appellant) R. L. Reid, K.C. re Taxation Act, D. McKensie, H. A. Maclean, K.C.
 The King (respondent) H. A. Maclean, K.C. vs. The Minister of Lands (appellant) E. C. Mayers.
 Stover et al. (respondent) J. H. Lawson vs. Drysdale et al. (appellant) J. R. Clearhouse.
 Rex (respondent) al. (appellant) D. S. Tait vs. Rant (respondent) F. C. Elliott (lit. 3).
 Sheepwash et al. (respondent) C. E. Wilson vs. Desmoulin Lumber Co. (appellant) J. R. Green.
 Scott & Peden (appellant) P. R. Leighton vs. Elliott (respondent) H. J. Davis.

PARENTS' RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT "Y"

Preparations are well under way for the parents' reception and gymnastic exhibition which is to be held by the Y.M.C.A.'s boys' division on Saturday evening, January 2, commencing at 7.15 o'clock.

The gymnastic exhibition will be staged, under the direction of Archie McKinnon, by the various groups of the boys' division showing the work that is being carried on in this department. The various sections of the boys' membership will put on various features of the physical programme. After the physical display a social half hour will be held in the lobby when light refreshments will be served and an opportunity given for those present to become acquainted. Ira Dilworth, chairman of the boys' division, will preside at the awards given by the boys in the swimming club gala, held at the beginning of the holidays, and will also outline to those present the policy of the boys' work committee.

A committee of ladies, convened by Mrs. G. S. Merryfield, and including Mrs. R. Moffat, Mrs. F. Macneil, and Mrs. C. A. Fields, has picked out the social arrangements and the musical programme is in the hands of the Victoria Boys' Orchestra under the leadership of Charles Rowles. The open house is a well established custom in the boys' division and the staff and board of directors will be well attended in the past. All parents and those interested in boys' work are cordially invited to attend.

VICTORIA OFF TO FLYING START

AUSTIN ASSERTS

International Realtor Brings Party to Welcome Prosperous New Year

Many Here From Up-island and Mainland For Year-end Holiday

Victoria after Old Father Time turns his hour glass at midnight to-night will not be to flying start on the first of the years of realization, following a long period of anticipation, according to Charles S. Austin, the international estate auctioneer, who conducted the two land sales here last summer, and who brought a party to the city to-day from Seattle to take part in the celebration of seeing the old year out and the new year in.

Mr. Austin said that the real estate activity of the continent is now Northwest from some other parts where booms have been on during the last ten years. He said that returns now being compiled show that Seattle's realty and building activity this year has been unsurpassed, and that this activity is gradually spreading out from Puget Sound and across the border to this and other Canadian cities.

Word was also brought by Mr. Austin that Harry Leach, the Los Angeles realtor, is moving at the end of the year and will make his headquarters in Victoria, in accordance with his previous announcement to be on the start of activity next year.

Mr. Austin to-day had a number of cases of large profits realized on the sale of property which he knocked down under the hammer a few months ago. He said that R. K. Snow, who bought the Allis Hotel, at Blanshard and Pandora Streets, is now negotiating on an offer whereby he will double his money on the investment he made then. If the deal does not go through, Mr. Snow will start out early in the year to rebuild the hotel himself.

NOTED NERVE SURGEON HERE

Dr. F. H. Newburn of Edmonton, noted nerve surgeon and professor in the medical department of the University of Alberta, is also in Victoria on a short holiday. While here he is addressing the members of the Victoria Medical Society. Dr. Newburn gained fame for some of his nerve surgery during the war years.

MANY ISLAND PEOPLE IN TOWN

C. R. Lindner, director of the Canadian Timber Industries, has arrived from Port Renfrew for the year-end holiday in Victoria. With him are Mrs. Lindner and Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon of Jordan River. They are all at the Dominion Hotel.

Other island people who have come to town include Mrs. L. Best, G. A. Turner and P. Crofton and friend of Ganges, who are at the Empress Hotel; Miss M. C. Beadle of Fulford Harbor, B. N. Macneil of Fulford Harbor, and Mrs. J. Campbell of Duncan, Mrs. Agnes Miles of Alberni, who are all at the Dominion Hotel; and Miss Diana Crofton, Mrs. and Mr. Elliott of Shawigan, who are all at the Hotel Strathcona.

MAINLANDERS ARRIVE

Mainland people who have arrived include Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Winter and Miss Margaret Winter of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boddy and Capt. A. M. MacKend of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. H. Gordon, Mary Rife and Irving Smith of Vancouver, and Miss Margaret Crawford of Seattle, all of whom are at the Empress Hotel; Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Stokes and Mrs. E. L. Best, who are at the Hotel Strathcona.

MORE PRAIRIE FOLKS

Latest prairie arrivals include Miss L. M. Ross and W. S. Arnsperg of Calgary, who are at the Empress Hotel; W. P. Gosling and R. Gosling of Daletwood, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce of Vulcan, Alta., who are at the Dominion Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Lamb of Watrous, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. E. King and family of Saskatoon, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Smith of Moose Jaw, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith of Sherwood, North Dakota, and L. A. Deftich of Hanover, Minn., who are all at the Hotel Strathcona.

OBITUARY

The death took place yesterday at the residence of 3130 Douglas Street, of baby Tanta, six-months-old son of Mrs. F. Tanta. The remains were forwarded by the Sands Funeral Co. this morning to Duncan, where they will be laid to rest in the family plot.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Christina Adam took place yesterday afternoon from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, A Street, when the interment was service, which was conducted by Rev. J. Smith Patterson, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. During the service two hymns were sung, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "The Lord's Prayer." The burial was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery, with the following friends as pallbearers: O. A. Macneil, J. T. Main and G. McCandless.

Joseph Henry Robbins, a member of the Tubercular Veterans' Association, passed away yesterday at his farm at Eberts, aged fifty years. He was born at St. Austell, Cornwall, and came to this city thirteen years ago. He went overseas in 1916 and served until the end of the war. He is survived by two sons, Glen, in England, and William, in this city, also his parents and three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd, of England; Mrs. Brunell, in the U.S.A.; Mrs. Mary H. Brown, here, and two brothers, George and Sylvanus, of this city. The remains are reported to be at the Sands Funeral Chapel and funeral arrangements will be made later.

The body of the late Mr. Daniel Fulton, who passed away in this city last Monday evening, was laid to rest at Royal Oak Burial Park yesterday afternoon. Service was held by the Rev. F. A. C. Chadwick. Many friends were present and the casket and hearse were covered

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 "Negro Spiritual Melody" Fritz Kreisler
 "Damnation of Faust" Marcel Journet
 "Fair Maid of Perth" Marcel Journet
 "Melod." Rachmaninoff
 "Turkish March" Rachmaninoff
 "A Victory Ball" (2 Records—4 Parts) New York Philharmonic Orchestra
 "The Lost Chord" Organ of Mormon Tabernacle
 "Great Is Jehovah" Organ of Mormon Tabernacle

Popular Songs and Dances

"I'm Not All There" Pat Rafferty
 "Capt. Thingamabob" "Red" Newman
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 "Neapolitan Nights" Waltz

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with beautiful floral offerings. The hymns sung were "Peace, Perfect Morning" and "On the Resurrection Morn." The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. McKiernon, J. M. Thomas, W. Williams and G. M. Petch. Interment was made at the Royal Oak Burial Park, Rev. A. de B. Owen conducted service at the graveside.

New Year Party—The City Temple Business Ladies' Club will hold a New Year's party at the K. of C. Hall to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. Members and friends are invited. There will be games and music.

OVERNIGHT ENTRIES AT TIA JUANA

First race—Two furlongs.	115	Sweet and Low	115
*Shasta Pine	115	Belle Wood	115
*Shasta Bullet	115	Queen Bees	115
*Charlie Murray	115	Queen Bees	115
*Osman	115	Byrander	115
*Assault	115	Fifth race—Five and	115
*Kern King	115	longs	115
*Portia	115	Longs	115
*Bobby Doyle	115	Hirsh Bee	115
*Dusty	115	Queen Anna Marie	115
*Short Price	115	Rumrunner	115
*Shasta entry.	115	Spann's Star	115
*Syrac entry.	115	Hectors Alley	115
*Nevada Stock Farm entry.	115	Friend Joe	115
Second race—Five and a half fur-	115	*Emma Hoagland	115
longs.	115	Spann's Star	115
Miss Nantura	100	Adieu	115
Sorline	102	*Bagger King	115
Kitty B.	105	*Shasta entry.	115
Booneville	107	*Irwin entry.	115
Stamp	107	Sixth Clubhouse Cou-	115
Laura Gaffney	110	se	115
Lot of Style	110	M. J. McNulty Jr.	115
Golden Red	112	Prince Tit	115
Kinet	112	Faddie	115
Dash Hogan	112	Spann's Star	115
Bob Harris	112	Rachel Potter	115
Olds Eight	112	Rochessell	115
Little Lass	112	Samuel Herman	115
Wolfs Cry	117	Domine	115
James B. Brown	117	* McCall entry.	115
Third race—One mile.	117	Seventh race—Mil-	115
Leveaux	98	leath.	115
Irish Jury	98	*Ruban Rouge	115
Millie Brne	98	Wampee	115
The Desert	98	Moon and Span	115
Clanger	100	Sonicracker	115
Rose Atkin	102	Spinecracker	115
Etta D.	102	Surefire	115
Little Hope	102	Cherry Tree	115
Roulette	102	Osprey	115
Perrun	105	*Irwin entry.	115
Politics	105	Eighth race—Mil-	115
Monopoly	105	leenth.	115
Lance H.	109	Clermont Jr.	115
Rapid Traveler	109	*Clara Horn II	115
Montana	109	Stump Jr.	115
Son O'Une	109	Sixteenth	115
Runers	109	Fathun	115
Shasta Donna	115	*Irwin entry.	115
Nanon	115	Marsdale	115
Linlimp	115	Darius	115
Marion North	115	*Rockford	115
Betty	115	*Rockford	115
Climent	115	Joe Penn	115
Cordon Rouge	115	*Crash entry.	115
	115	*Crash—Cloudy and	115

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Cougars Hope To Halt Eskos' Winning Streak

Edmonton Make New Year's Resolution to Win Three Straight Games on Coast and Set New Record, But World's Champions Are Determined to Stop Them; Meeking and Halderson Both Fit for Game; Lester to Make Tenth Man

Three wins in a row on the Coast. That is the New Year's resolution made by Duke Keats and his Edmonton Eskimos who arrived here this afternoon for their engagement at the Arena tomorrow afternoon at 8.30 o'clock with the Victoria Cougars, world's champions.

The Eskimos polished off Portland last night and on Monday defeated Vancouver. This made two wins on the Coast and with their three home victories, gave them five straight wins. If the Eskimos can beat the Cougars they will achieve what no other club east of the Rockies has done since the Coast and Prairie teams entered into competition one with another. Seven prairie clubs have won two out of three games but none have taken three straight.

The Eskimos are going to find their way to three straight wins by beating a fighting crowd of Cougars. With "Slim" Halderson and Harry Meeking back in the game the champions will be pretty close to top strength. They will have six forwards capable of going at top speed and this should prove a serious handicap to the Eskimos who have three good regulars but who lack reserve strength.

HALDERSON TO START

Halderson will start at right defence. It will be his third game of the season. He was injured in the opening game here and has been out of the game ever since. His wound on the ankle has not completely healed but he wants to get back into the game. Owing to his long lay-off "Slim" may not be able to last the route but Lester Patrick, the veteran who set the prairies' record with his good play, will be stripped and take the ice if the occasion arises.

Meeking's leg is just about as good as ever and he was skating fast at the workout yesterday. Russell Cattman, the youngster who broke into the pro ranks this season, has improved considerably since his last appearance here and is back-checking furiously and going right in on top of the net.

Jack Walker, Frank Fredrickson, Glen Loughlin, Happy Holmes, Jock Anderson and Harold Hart are all in splendid shape. They all want to start out the New Year right and pick off this game which will bring to an end the winning streak of Edmonton and considerably enhance their own stock.

COUGARS WILL FIGHT

The fighting spirit of the Cougars, which developed when the team was so sorely tried by injuries, is still very prominent and it should be a factor in to-morrow's game.

The Eskimos can be counted on playing a sound, heady game. With the trick teams in centre, flanked by two fast-shooting forwards, Meeking and Gagne, they have a splendid regular line. The subs however, do not measure up to the standard of these men. Gagne is having a good year. He was with Edmonton two years ago and was traded to Regina last season. He was taken back by the Eskos this season.

Barney Stanley, formerly of the Vancouver Maroons, is now a defence man, having been placed there when Edmonton failed to get another man for the job. Barney is playing a very sound game, his experience holding him up in the tough spots. Bud Shore, who jumped to pro ranks last season, is the other defence man and is one of the sensations of the year.

Herb Stuart will fill the nets. He is also having a good year.

BIG CROWD

A great crowd will attend to help pull the Cougars through to a win. Lester Patrick announced this morning that the ticket office at Pimley & Ritchie's would be open until 9 o'clock to-night and between 10 and 2 o'clock to-morrow morning in order to accommodate the local patrons and out-of-town fans.

The game should be a battle all the way with plenty of fast skating, good stickhandling and sparkling combination plays.

Fifth Straight Win Recorded By Eskimo Horde At Portland

Edmonton Gains Odd Goal in Five in Fast, Rugged Game; Stanley a Star

Portland, Dec. 31.—Edmonton's team of the Western Hockey League last night made their winning game when they won their fifth successive victory by defeating Portland here 5-2. The Eskimos played true to form and held the lead almost from the time the puck was faced in the opening period until the final whistle. They had to play hard, strenuous hockey, however, for they were pitted against worthy foes, and although they were defeated, the Rosebuds kept their opponents going to top speed throughout.

Gagne shot the first goal for Edmonton. Stanley took the puck down the ice and lost it in front of the Portland goal. Gagne, however, met the flying disc from the side and tugged it past McCusker. Play in the first period was very rough. Edmonton's body checking featuring the season. The Rosebuds got twelve shots on the Eskimos' goal but seven by Edmonton, but most of them were long tries.

Play in the second period had just got nicely started when Stanley, unassisted, registered the second counter for the visitors. It was a pretty

Exhibition Soccer Matches Scheduled On New Year's Day

Pick of First Division to Clash With "Rep" Wednesday Eleven at Beacon Hill

Esquimalt, Leaders of Saturday Clash, to Meet "Old-Timers" at Canteen Grounds

Two exhibition football matches will be played to-morrow morning.

At Beacon Hill starting at 11 o'clock two picked elevens from the First Division and the Wednesday League will clash.

Esquimalt, leaders of the First Division, have arranged a match to be played at the Canteen grounds with the "Old-Timers," who are supposed to represent many of the famous soccer teams in Ireland, Scotland and England. This game is scheduled to start at 10.30 in the match at Beacon Hill strong Good crowds are expected at both fixtures.

In the match at Beacon Hill strong elevens have been selected to represent the two leagues and keen competition is looked for. The Wednesday League has several crack players on their lineup picked to chase their opponents. The Saturday League team is composed of formidable material, and the Wednesday players will have a tough proposition on their hands.

At the Canteen grounds the "Old-Timers" will make a grand attempt to show the youngsters how the game was played in the old days. The Dockers may prove a little too fast for their older opponents, even at that.

THE TEAMS

The teams will be as follows: Saturday League—White (Victoria West); Tuckwell or Armistead (S.O.E.) and Mesher (Esquimalt); Shanks (S.O.E.), Swan (S.O.E.) and Thomas (Victoria West); Connor (S.O.E.), Mulcahy (West), Peden (West) and Quinlan (S.O.E.) and Thomas (S.O.E.).

Wednesday League—Shrimpton (Hudson's Bay); Tupper (Rennie & Taylor) and Gibson (Hudson's Bay); Glancy (Kirkham), Webber (Hudson's Bay) and A. J. Kinross (Rennie & Taylor); Taylor (Kirkham), Patterson (Tillamook), Speak (Rennie & Taylor), Field (Rennie & Taylor) and "Henry" (Garrison). Reserve: Stewart (Rennie & Taylor), Hawkes (Rennie & Taylor) and Brown (Garrison).

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WINNERS OF MAIN EVENTS IN GOLF



New York, Dec. 31.—Seldom if ever has a year of professional golf produced the thrilling situations of the 1925 campaign. It was just one surprise after another.

The only two champions to repeat were Walter Hagen and Leo Diegel. The great Walter again finished in front in the professional golfers tournament, while Diegel proved best in the Canadian open, as was the case a year ago.

Willie Macfarlane was the sensation of the year. Little regarded in the national open, he won the title, also the Shawnee open, another major event.

To capture these two titles Macfarlane was forced to play the most brilliant kind of golf. In each event he finished in a tie, then managed to capture the playoff.

In the national open he was Bobby Jones, master of the amateurs, who tied with Macfarlane. It was necessary to play thirty-six holes before the tie was decided. It was all even again at the end of the first eighteen.

At the end of the first nine holes of the second eighteen Jones enjoyed a four-stroke lead. It didn't seem as if any golfer could spot Jones four strokes in nine and beat him. That is just what Macfarlane did, his margin at the finish being a lone stroke.

In the Shawnee open Macfarlane finished in a tie with Will Klein, one of the most promising of the younger professionals. He had to play a seventy-one in the extra eighteen holes to win. Macfarlane was forced to play three rounds of seventy-one that day in order to get a tie and then win out.

Macdonald Smith was the only other professional to win two titles. He captured the western open and the Long Island open with the remarkable scores of 281.

Dean and Bentley both had better accounts for the very poor finishing card turned in by Smith.

Winners of the major championships were, as follows:

British Open—Jim Barnes Match Play Professional Golfers—Walter Hagen

S. O. Open—Willie Macfarlane U. S. Open—Willie Macfarlane

Canadian Open—Leo Diegel Canadian Open—Leo Diegel

Shawnee Open—Willie Macfarlane Metropolitan Open—Gene Sarazen

Long Island Open—Macdonald Smith

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Wall Street
TO-DAYLast Minute News on Stocks
and Financial
Affairs

New York, Dec. 31 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Year-end profit taking was an influence in creating an irregular market, though offerings in the oil and rail divisions were digested in such a manner as to create favorable comment as there appeared to be no arbitrary line for a halt in bullish activities in these groups. The industrial which have been under recent pressure and sharply under the impetus of a covering movement.

Call money continued firm and in regard to this, it is expected to work easier in the coming week as the action of the Federal reserve board in continuing the reduction rate at 3 1/2 per cent. may be influential in driving over the next week. The outlook appears to be at least that it has been for some time past continued favorable progress in earnings by mail order and mercantile houses, and last but not least, there appears to be more effort toward understanding in the coal strike.

While the present average of prices seem very high when contrasted with last year's figures, a perusal of comparative earnings and conditions within companies in the coal cases will account for the sharp advances. We expect to see the carrier and petroleum issues assume leadership in a broader market.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 31 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Wheat advanced on erratic course to lower levels finally, with December passing out rather tame. Relative steadiness in foreign markets led to higher prices early, but heavy profit-taking in the way of evening up for over the three-day holiday period flooded the market and caused a sharp set-back. Trade not as active as recently, and new developments were without important change. The foreign demand for wheat continued slow.

Weather conditions in the Argentine were reported as generally favorable and a foreign statistician maintained his previous estimates on the probable Argentine surplus of more than 100,000 tons, which is incidentally a considerably in excess of many private estimates. Marketings of wheat in the American and Canadian Northwest remain of moderate proportions. The milling demand here for the day was a little healthier. Stocks wheat at Minneapolis for five days increased \$75,000.

Underlying conditions in the wheat market seem to be as strong as ever. We have had a good advance, however, and it is reasonable to look for the market to hesitate on the heels. However, purchases can be made on good setbacks.

Corn: December developed relative firmness in the late trading, while the deferred months were easier. The movement of corn continued of moderate proportions. Reports had it that farmers were shelling heavily but were holding. Commercial demand for corn was appreciable.

Barley: Demand for feed barley was expressed toward the buying side of the scale, and it is believed that after the turn of the year higher prices will be seen.

Rye: Sold lower in sympathy with wheat. There was little change in the news. On dips local support was evident. Rye likely to follow wheat for the present.

Chicago, Dec. 31 (By B.C. Bond Corporation's Direct Pit Wire)—Wheat: Market was unsettled, but averaged lower. Reinstating of lines of long wheat, recently held off, caused a sharp bulge early, but when the early buying started to sell out they found support lacking, and at the low point May was off about 1/2 cent. Thereafter there seemed to be considerable wheat wanted around \$1.75. There was a great deal evening up for the triple holiday. We still believe the advantage lies with purchasers on the breaks.

Corn: Was under pressure with local longs selling out. Spot market was practically unchanged. Country offerings only fair. Weather favorable for the movement. With the Government and various organizations working, the former believe offerings will remain light from farmers' hands for some little time. Would buy corn on the breaks.

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The Faint Heart

By RUBY AYRES

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Jim spent many an hour in his cozy little parlor, gossiping with the landlord and the villagers, who flat-tered him to his face and laughed at him as soon as his back was turned.

SHATTERED HOPES

Jim entered the parlor of the village inn.

There was only one man there now, a young, rather jolly-faced youth, dressed in loud-check breeches and a rough tweed suit.

His name was Andrews, and he looked after the stable yard and ran a Ford car between neighboring villages carrying goods and passengers.

He greeted Jim familiarly and ordered two drinks, which the land-lord brought, glancing significantly from one man to the other, before he retired again into the back parlor, leaving them alone.

Andrews spoke then with jaunty carelessness.

"Seen Hayward to-day?" Jim frowned.

"Yes, I saw him in the village this morning. Why?"

Andrews drained his glass before replying. "He was in here just now and several over the neck of a bottle."

"Isn't he always more or less?" Jim asked, with a sneer.

"He was mighty talkative, too," Andrews went on with a reflective grin. "Mighty talkative about you! and what happened last night."

Jim turned sharply.

"What the devil do you mean? I'll teach Hayward to mind his own business if I meet him."

Andrews's unpleasant grin widened. "He says he'll teach you to mind yours."

Jim flushed darkly and he clenched his hands into fists. "He says that, does he? Well, it won't pay him to talk about me, I promise you."

Andrews went on with evident relish. He had no friendly feeling for Jim, and enjoyed irritating him.

"He says that if he liked he could open his mouth pretty wide about the truth of that shooting business last night, and he says that if he did you'd have to mind your eye!"

"Fooh, he's talking through his hat," Jim sneered, though a queer apprehensive look flashed into his eyes.

"He says," Andrews pursued, "that when Holway is up and about again Jim cut in sharply.

"Holway did this afternoon," he laughed, scornfully. "That shows how little you know!"

"Holway's better. They say he's out of danger."

"Rot!"

"It's true. I know it was rumored all over the place this afternoon that he'd hopped off, but no such excitement."

He tapped Jim familiarly on the chest. "Take it from me, old sport, Shayle's going to live to break a few more hearts yet, or my name's not Harry Andrews."

Jim's face flamed and his eyes looked ugly.

"You fool!" he said, savagely. "I tell you—Holway's dead! And a damned good job, too! Why, my Guv'nor—"

He broke off as the landlord came lousing back into the bar. He had evidently overheard some of the conversation, for he was smiling amusedly.

"You're wrong, Mr. Wye-Smith," he said, leaning his elbows on the counter. "You're quite wrong, and Andrews here's right. Shayle's Holway's out of danger. I knew you couldn't put a man of his physique out so easily."

Jim turned pale and began to bluster. "You're both talking rubbish," he protested, angrily. "I tell you I know! I tell you—oh, confound you both. Why should I waste my time talking to either of you?"

The landlord scowled.

"Well, if that's your way of putting it, we can do with your room and not with your company," he said. "So if you'll kindly get out—"

Jim backed away a step.

"I'll get out when I choose, and not a moment before," he said, haughtily, "and as for you—"

he turned on Andrews, who faced him with an insolent smile.

"Yes, and what about me?" he asked.

"I'll pay you out for your insolence," Jim spluttered. "I'll show you that you can't talk to me as you like, and try and ride the high horse."

Andrews took a step towards him.

"And I'll show you that it will pay you to keep a civil tongue in your head," he answered, with deadly calm. "Not only to me, but to Hayward, unless you want him to tell what he knows about the supposed burglary last night! Ah, that touches you, does it?" He laughed coarsely.

"Thought that would make you sit up and take notice," he sneered.

There was an eloquent silence. Then Jim turned on his heel without answering, and walked out of the bar. There was a nameless fear

at his heart which he tried in vain to quell.

It was all rot, what these two men had told him. Holway was dead right enough, and there was nothing to fear, and yet something urged him to make sure.

It was almost dark and there was a chill wind rising as he turned his steps in the direction of the hospital.

The road was deserted—not a soul passed as he hurried along, only the sound of his own tread breaking the silence.

When the lights of the hospital came into sight he slackened speed, surprised to find how breathless he was and how fast his heart was beating.

He tried to get into such a state of panic. Holway was dead right enough. The colonel himself had said so, and he ought to know.

By an effort Jim pulled himself together and went forward just as the closed door opened and Lena came quickly down the steps to the road.

She did not see Jim till he moved forward barring her way, then she turned and started back with a little exclamation.

"Yes, it's the fool again," Jim said, bitterly. At sight of her all his love and longing returned to him. She hated and despised him, but he worshipped the ground she trod.

His eyes searched his face with passionate jealousy through the growing darkness.

"Been to weep over the hero?" he asked, with a sneer. "Or are you willing to take me back again, now he's dead?"

She drew her wrap more closely around her as if with a shiver of repulsion at his nearness.

"I don't understand you," she said, cuttingly. Shayle is not dead—how ever much you may wish it. He is better, he is going to get well."

There was no mistaking the exultation of her voice, and it added fuel to the fire in the poor boy's heart.

So it was true, what they had said up at the inn! True that Shayle was alive and would live.

Jim asked himself a wild question. "What will become of me?"

There was nothing for him in the future! Nothing! Shayle would take the woman he loved—and together they would laugh over his folly.

To be continued

Paris Seers Out With Prophecies and Advice For 1926

Paris, Dec. 31.—The year 1926 will be comparatively quiet, according to two Parisian prophets, Mme. Fraya, a Basque, and Raymond, a Hungarian, whose forecasts are printed in The Petit Journal.

Their principal item of news is that Premier Mussolini will lose his power in Italy and die a year later.

Mme. Fraya prophesies violent times in Italy at the overthrow.

Several successful transatlantic flights are seen, with unanticipated air developments. Raymond says reg-

ular transatlantic air service will begin in two years.

Mme. Fraya asserts cancer and tuberculosis will be conquered in 1927.

The British are in for the most prosperous year of their history, but there will be no world-wide disturbance, the Japanese-American war being scheduled by Raymond between 1936 and 1937.

France will have a series of short-lived governments, but will be better off financially before the end of the year. Both prophets scoff at the idea of revolution in France.

Mme. Fraya patriotically advises investors to buy national bonds, but Raymond inclines toward steel, rubber, oil, copper, platinum and sugar stocks, with steel first.

He adds that 1926, being under Venus, will see an increase in light love affairs and a disposition to treat love lightly.

NELSON ELECTION

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 31.—Alderman Irvin A. Austin has announced himself as a candidate for mayor of Nelson against ex-Mayor J. E. Annable.

He has been twelve years an alderman, not consecutively, and has stood for both the Legislature and Parliament on a Labor or Socialist platform.

"What's the matter with your hand, my little man?" "Saved the top of my finger off."

"Dear, dear, how did you do that?" "Sawing."

PA'S SON-IN-LAW

WONDER IF THERE CAN BE ANYTHING TO THIS HERE WISHIN' STONE OF PETE SENT ME? WELL—I'LL KNOW PURTY SOON—I'VE MADE A WISH AN' IF IT COMES TRUE I'LL BEGIN T' BELIEVE 'N IT A LITTLE!

O-OH, MISSY MA—WOE-SIN VELLY SOLLY! YOU SAY PLESSEE MISSY PAYS BLESS-PANTS AN' WHEN WOE-SIN GO DO; HE ALL SAME BLURRY VELLY BIG HOLE! WOE-SIN VELLY SOLLY!

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MISCHA LEVITSKI IS BACK FROM TOUR

Noted Pianist Has Warm Remembrance of Canadians on Last Occasion

Fresh from outstanding ovations at the Imperial Theatre at Tokio which culminated a five and a half months' tour of China, Japan and the Straits Settlements, Mischa Levitski was a passenger on board the inbound President Jackson to-day.

Born in New York of Russian parents Mischa Levitski went to the public school in that city, passed through college and then studied for five years under masters in Berlin. His rise as a pianist was rapid, though preceded by long years of arduous study.

Returning from his first tour in the Far East to-day the virtuoso was warm in his appreciation of Japanese audiences, who lent to western art not only a high natural conception of art but a keen interest in the western talent of the Muse.

It was two years ago that Mischa Levitski played before a Canadian audience at Vancouver, of which experience he still speaks with great pleasure, for he found audiences in the Canadian West truly appreciative of music and ready to support far beyond the common experience of masters of pianoforte.

On this occasion Mischa Levitski will open his United States tour at Tacoma on January 5, proceeding thence through Oregon, Idaho, California, and gradually east to New York. There is a bare possibility that he may be able to arrange for a Canadian appearance which would meet his manager to arrange final details of the current tour.

Hon. Vincent Massey Visitor in Winnipeg
Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Hon. Vincent Massey, who joined the Federal Cabinet on the eve of the recent general election, is in Winnipeg after a brief holiday on the prairies. He is expected to be in Ottawa about January 10.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS
Homeric at New York from Southampton. Arrives at Hamburg from New York.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART
OCEAN VESSELS TO ARRIVE

Steamer	Master	Ton.	Agent	From	Due
President Jackson	Admiral-O.	Orient	Dec. 31		
Arabia Maru	O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 1		
Dramatist	Rithets	U.K.	Jan. 20		

Steamer	Master	Ton.	Agent	For	To Sail
Kaga Maru	N.Y.K.	Orient	Dec. 31		
Arizona Maru	O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 7		

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS
Canadian Freighters left Vancouver for Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, December 22.
Canadian Highlander left Panama for Victoria December 23.
Canadian Rover left Astoria for San Diego.
Canadian Observer arrived Ocean Falls December 26.
Canadian Planter arrived Vancouver November 19.
Canadian Winner arrived Antwerp December 19.
Canadian Coastier arrived San Francisco December 28.
Canadian Importer left Antwerp for Vancouver November 30.
Canadian Transporter left Vancouver for Halifax December 22.
Canadian Ranger left San Francisco for Southampton, London and Antwerp December 16.
Canadian Selinger arrived Vancouver December 22.
Canadian Trooper left Victoria for Tampa, Fla. December 23.
Canadian Inventor left Trinidad for New York and Halifax December 19.
Canadian Skirmisher arrived Glasgow December 23.
Canadian Farmer arrived Prince Rupert December 17.
Canadian Pioneer left Nanoco December 17.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
Time of sunrise and sunset at Victoria, B.C. for the month of January, 1926 (Pacific standard time).

Day	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
1	7:05	44	4:27	27
2	7:04	44	4:28	26
3	7:03	44	4:29	25
4	7:02	44	4:30	24
5	7:01	44	4:31	23
6	7:00	44	4:32	22
7	6:59	44	4:33	21
8	6:58	44	4:34	20
9	6:57	44	4:35	19
10	6:56	44	4:36	18
11	6:55	44	4:37	17
12	6:54	44	4:38	16
13	6:53	44	4:39	15
14	6:52	44	4:40	14
15	6:51	44	4:41	13
16	6:50	44	4:42	12
17	6:49	44	4:43	11
18	6:48	44	4:44	10
19	6:47	44	4:45	9
20	6:46	44	4:46	8
21	6:45	44	4:47	7
22	6:44	44	4:48	6
23	6:43	44	4:49	5
24	6:42	44	4:50	4
25	6:41	44	4:51	3
26	6:40	44	4:52	2
27	6:39	44	4:53	1
28	6:38	44	4:54	0
29	6:37	44	4:55	0
30	6:36	44	4:56	0
31	6:35	44	4:57	0

TIDE TABLE
January, 1926
Time of high and low water at Victoria, B.C. (Pacific standard time).

Day	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
1	1:15	44	5:15	26
2	1:16	44	5:16	25
3	1:17	44	5:17	24
4	1:18	44	5:18	23
5	1:19	44	5:19	22
6	1:			